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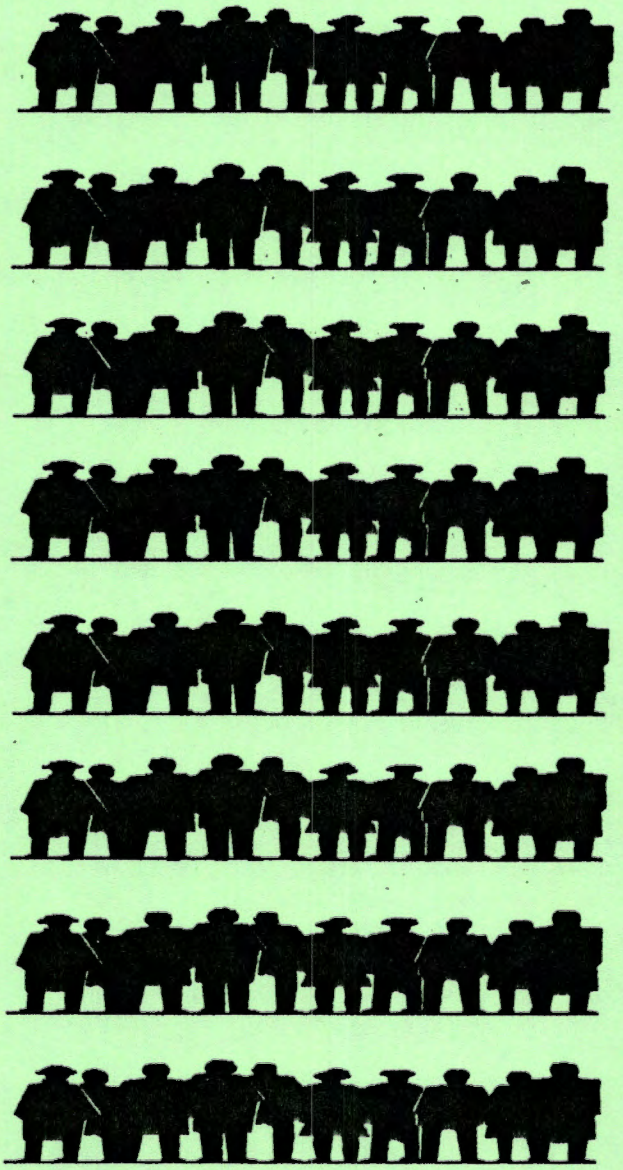

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PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Plan Preparation: This plan, "A View to the Future," was prepared by the Parks and Recreation Department staff under the direction of the Departmental Director, R. Eric Reickel. Preparation of the plan began in August of 1989 and was completed in April of 1990.

Staff Survey: The initial step in the planning process was to conduct a written survey of the Parks and Recreation Department staff. This was done through a written survey request distributed with the pay check to each of the employees. This survey generally collected data concerning employee attitudes, perceptions of needs, and anticipated future trends. This process was used as a catalyst to begin focusing on the future, and the areas of concentrated study that might be required. The outcome indicated a very broad base of needs and concerns, and led to the formulation of a series of citizen committees chaired primarily by Departmental staff.

Citizen Committees: The committees were formed based on each of the Department's identified interest areas. These committees, were chaired by City of Lansing staff persons associated with the areas of interest from the Parks and Recreation and Planning and Municipal Development Departments. The committee chairpersons were responsible for assembling a group of interested citizen committee members to discuss each of the topics. The committee's responsibilities were to discuss current concerns and how the committee felt they would like to see these concerns met in the future. The committees met for a brainstorming session followed by a wrap-up session. Each committee was responsible for submitting a follow up report. A short synopsis of each of the committee reports has been included in the plan and is included in this section, Plan

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Development.

Mission Statement, Goals, and Objectives: The completed committee reports were distributed to the Park Board and staff members. On November 15th a Saturday planning retreat with an outside facilitator, Pamela Dodd, of Board Works, Inc. was held with division head staff and Park Board members in order to establish both staff and Board interrelationship roles and to begin to establish the Department's Mission Statement, Goals, and Objectives. These were completed by staff and are included within this document in the Department Strategy section.

Inventory Collection: The inventory of existing parks and facilities was then collected and analyzed in order to determine current land holdings, conditions and needs. This was followed by a study of the Recreation Inventory, the Community Inventory, and the current Administrative Structure, all of which are contained in this plan. The information collected to this point was then consolidated and analyzed in order to provide a basis for the Action Program. Prior to beginning the Action Program, a public survey and a series of public hearings were conducted.

Resident Survey: The Parks and Recreation Department 1990 Survey was prepared and mailed to randomly selected households within the City of Lansing. The survey was designed to fit on the front and back of an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper and invited the residents' opinions concerning current usage patterns, development projects, perceived park problems, and general demographics. A space was also provided for additional comments. Surveys were mailed to 5% of the City's households and a very successful 27% response rate was received. A summery of the response information is included within this section of the plan.

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Public Hearings: Next a series of six public hearings were held in order to invite public comment concerning parks and recreation needs. These public hearings were held at the City Council meeting, at the Community Centers, and within the downtown area at the State Office Complex. A series of newspaper articles, the actual notices of the hearings, and a summery of citizen comments are included within the Plan Development section of the plan.

Action Program: The information gathered in the inventory process, the committee reports, the survey data, the Department Strategy, and staff input was then carefully reviewed and analyzed. The results of the analysis became the basis for the draft of the Action Program. The Action Program serves as a synopsis of the Department's current state and as a spring board for future programming and developmental projects needs assessment and implementation. The Action Program contains a discussion of recreational programming; support facilities; acquisition, disposal, and expected usages for land holdings; the future role of support programs such as forestry, grounds maintenance, and cemeteries; and a projected Capital Improvement Project List and Project Description.

Park Board Adoption: Upon completion of the draft Action Program, the plan was compiled and reviewed by staff. The plan was also reviewed by the Park Board and approved by resolution on May 3, 1990. A copy of the Park Board resolution has been included within this section of the plan.

Plan Public Hearing: Upon completion of the draft Action Program the plan was compiled and reviewed by staff. This draft plan was then available for public review and comment at a public hearing held on May 7, 1990 before the Lansing City Council. A copy of the Notice for Public Hearing and a summery of the comments recorded is given.

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Plan Adoption: Following the public hearing the plan was adopted by resolution by the City Council. A certified copy of the resolution has been included.

Plan Distribution: Upon adoption, the approved resolutions of the Park Board and City Council were incorporated into the final plan document. The document was reproduced and bound for distribution. A copy of the completed plan was forwarded to the Tri-County Regional Planning Office and the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Copies of the transmittal letters are also included in the plan. Additional copies were distributed to the City Council, Administration, City Staff, Park Board, and interested citizens.

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CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cultural Arts & Historical Programs
Lansing City Market
Neighborhood Park Programs/Dev.
Potter Park Zoo
Lansing Municipal Cemeteries
Street and Public Trees
Oak Park Complex
Special Events
Community Centers
Downtown Development
Handicapper Concerns
Athletics
Senior Citizen Programs
Natural Areas
Lansing Municipal Golf Operations
Cultural Events
Scott Art and Garden Center

Inter governmental.

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COMMITTEE: Cultural Arts and Historical Programs

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairperson Susan Cantlon-Cultural Arts

Councilperson Lucile Belen	Gineva Wiskemann
Dr. Bill Helder	Elizabeth Giese
Nancy Madtes	Ginny Hutchinson
John Dale Smith	Pam Blough
Suzanne Mills	Russell Barnes
Jack Olds	Elmer Manson
Marty Heatherington	Don Robinson
Melanie Gober	

DISCUSSION:

RESOURCE SHARING

1. The Committee identified a need to be able to share equipment, stages, sound systems, etc.
2. Greater affordable access to Public owned buildings.
3. The need for an area wide cultural arts coordinator and the need for shared promotional resources.
4. Spouse, women's, and children's programs are being requested by the Convention-Visitors Bureau.

ARTS SUPPORT AND ACCESS NEEDS

1. Safer environments which attract audiences to the downtown were identified as a need.
2. Improved cooperation between state and city government.
3. Directional street signage for cultural facilities.
4. Improved city government attitude and receptivity to arts events, particularly in downtown.
5. Arts outreach to the neighborhood facilities.
6. Extension of the riverwalk to the Turner-Dodge House and the Cooley-Haze House.

STAFFING

1. Needs exist for additional staffing at the Turner-Dodge House and Community Centers in order to increase historical and cultural programs.

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COMMITTEE: Lansing Municipal Golf Operations

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairperson Don Ballard-Golf Operations
Sid Worthington-Council Member
Susan Carrow-Golf Operations Supervisor
John Johnson-Golf Maintenance Supervisor
Doug Kelly-Asst. Operations Supervisor
Larry Parker-President of Oldsmobile Golf League
Jim Donahue-Board of Directors-Greater Lansing Amateur Golf Ass.

DISCUSSION:

Renovate Groesbeck Golf Course to increase playability, beauty, and golfer enjoyment. Renovations should include clubhouse renovations, landscaping and fairway modifications. Possible year round use of the clubhouse is also to be studied. The clubhouse redesign should allow for indoor seating and food service.

Renovate Waverly Hills Course into a possible 18 hole course from its present 9 hole layout encompassing additional property available to increase rounds of golf available and reduce the length of some holes.

Maintain Red Cedar as a low maintenance course in order to provide more inexpensive rounds of golf at a lower difficulty rate thereby providing an attractive alternative for many relaxed golfer.

Sycamore Course is plagued by frequent flooding thereby limiting its use. This course offers a beautiful setting and allows a lower greens fee due to less maintenance thereby providing an opportunity for family golf.

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COMMITTEE: Natural Areas-Fenner, Crego, and Scott Woods

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairperson Clara Bratton-Fenner Naturalist
Ron Lott-Park Board
Tom Smith-Grass Roots, Inc.
Shari Dann-MSU Extension Specialist
John Ververka-Interpretive Planner
John Schimmel-Director Ebersole Environmental Educational Center
Ken Deland-Lansing Indian Center
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Dave Chapman-Okemos School District
Don Beaver-MSU Professor Dept. of Zoology
Roger Hoopingarner-MSU Professor Dept. of Entomology
Bob Cool-Lansing Parks and Recreation Parks Division
Leona Good-President of Fenner Arboretum Advisory Board
Bill Cantlon-Fenner Arboretum Advisory Board
Rick Brigham-Fenner Arboretum Advisory Board
Roger Laylin-Fenner Arboretum Advisory Board
Leora Laylin-Fenner Arboretum Advirory Board

DISCUSSION:

All remaining natural areas should be studied and evaluated. It is felt that the cost of energy will be rising in the near future, resulting in an increase in the demand for local recreational areas. Planning needs to begin now to provide for future needs. All areas should be inventoried for biological content and capital improvements. Each area should define the volume of people and automobile traffic it will take without causing deterioration. Policy and existing level of maintenance, and priorities of future management of each area should be completed. This evaluation should analyze the condition and capacity of existing parking lots and roads and whether or not they can withstand an increase in the use as a result of an increase in marketing and use.

The mission of Fenner Arboretum was defined as "Give the public the concept of the diversity of life and the organization of communities, and show the impact that people have on their environment." A Master Plan for development and use should be completed which addresses the Site Inventory, Goals and Objectives, Definition of Audience, Land Acquisition, Building, Capital Improvements, Staffing, Programs, and Marketing Strategy.

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COMMITTEE: Senior Citizen Programs

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairperson Juanita Lewis-Sr. Prog. Coord.
Janet Clark-Director of RSVP
Lillian Calabrese-Senior Citizen
Mary Closson-Community Health
Jean Clements-Senior Gift Shop Board
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Janet Higgins-Salvation Army
Dorothy Kowalski-Park Board Member
Harold Link-Senior Wagoner Travel Club
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Wilber Myers-AARP
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Bob Nole-Lansing Adult Education
Roxanna Reterson-Director of Tri County Office on Aging
Thomelia Roper-President of Senor Center Board
Alfreda Schmidt-City Council Member
Rev. Stone-Friendship Baptist Church
Ellen Sullivan-Director of Center for Aging-LCC
Becky Taylor Chairperson for Miller Senior Citizens
Jennie Washington- Chairperson for Kingsley Senior Citizens

DISCUSSION:

If the Lansing Senior Center is sold, a new Senior Center should be created to replace the current one. At this time the name should be changed to reflect 50 plus concept and should include office space for Parks and Recreation Dept. staff and Tri County Office on Aging staff. This new center should become the focal point for senior programming.

Increased staffing needs should be addressed to reflect the increase in the amount of fifty plus clients.

Transportation problems to and from programming events need to be addressed.

Improve educational opportunities for senior center staff by attendance to conferences and seminars.

Improve current marketing of programs.

Improve the solicitation and recognition of volunteers used in programming and special events.

Offer new types of programming offered towards the younger retiree. Provide a senior center job mart.

Provide better coordination with outside referral programs.

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COMMITTEE: Athletic Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairperson Joe Kleinhans-Leisure Services Mgr.
Walter Kepler-Lansing Parks and Recreation
Bob Gross-Lansing State Journal
Mike Maisner-Michigan Parks and Recreation Association
Ann Johnson-Lansing Public Schools
Mike Engan-Softball Program Participant
Chuck Browning-Lansing Parks Boars
Dave Cecil-Softball Advisory Board
John Murphy-Baseball Advisory Board
Bob Every-Lansing Community College
Steve Driver-Baseball Program Participant
Jerry Fulcher-Youth Sports Coach
Dick Oberlin-Youth Sports Coach
Jerry Pollice-Youth Sports Coach
Jim Jackinchuk-Youth Sports Coach
Bob Gast-Youth Sports Coach

DISCUSSION:
Major concerns addressed the following issues:

1. Restrooms should be located at all major sports event sites including Municipal, Ranney, Davis, and Gier.
2. At least one additional baseball site should be lighted.
3. Develop a four Diamond softball facility.
4. Construct an athletic facility to respond to the needs of youth floor hockey, indoor soccer, roller skating, and volleyball.
5. Provide general improvements to municipal park responding to safety concerns including ground level dugouts, relocation of warm up areas with improved lighting, improved fencing, improved concession/restroom/storage area and sun screen.
6. Develop a tennis complex of eight to twelve courts.
7. Identify practice fields for youth sports which will not be used for competitive play.
8. Select five or six current sub standard softball sites and concentrate on upgrading.
9. Construct a soccer complex capable of handling three adult games simultaneously.
10. Construction of a modern gym facility at Foster Center.
11. Develop a field management program.
12. Inventory all playing sites for unsafe playing conditions.
13. Implement an adopt a park program so as to permit the users to help maintain.
14. Provide a sound training program for youth officials with incentives to assure participation, as well as continuous mandatory workshops , and better pay rates to attract qualified officials.
15. Reduce the competitive nature of youth sports..
16. Initiate better cooperation with the Lansing School District to encourage youth recreational activities for all children regardless of skill level.

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COMMITTEE: Handicapper Concerns

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairperson Joan Lenhard-Handicapper Coordinator
Mike Severns-CATA/Spec Tran
Len Kerns-C.M.H.
Colleen Flowers-Everett
Jem Veurink-Everett
Melanie Smith-Parent
Kellie Dean-Special Trans
Duncan Wyeth-Consumer
Vickie Papah-P.T. Sparrow
Ron Gillum-Park Board
Helen Schneiderman-Consumer
Mrs. Manning-Former School Administrator
Judy Widder-U.C.P.
Al Swain-Ctr. for Handicapper Affairs
Jean Golden-Ctr. for Handicapper Affairs
Rick Paulsen-M.S.U.

DISCUSSION:

Review current pool and locker room facilities and initiate means to correct current concerns.

Review the Potter Park and Zoo and initiate means to correct current concerns. Specific concerns identified are accessible play equipment, sensory stimulation areas, more rest room facilities which are barrier free, more accessible drinking fountains, additional accessible parking, increased signage.

Increase accessibility at all park locations, specifically Riverfront, Frances, and Fenner including barrier free trails and restrooms.

Increase the number of after school programs.

Increase the number of shade shelters within park sites.

Increase programming in the areas of youth, educational, cultural, high risk adventure, athletic events, and a general increase in the number of programs offered for all types of disabilities.

Increase fee revenues in order to be able to increase staff/client ratio.

Increase promotions and networking opportunities.

Offer assistance in mainstreaming programs, improve staff training, and increase the working relationship with the Lansing School District.

Complete a feasibility study on establishing a recreation district

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COMMITTEE: Downtown Development Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairperson Jim Foulds-Planning Division Dir.
Rick Oberle-Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce
Phil Wells-Michigan DNR, Recreation Division
Elllen Elizabeth Scarlett-Lansing Housing Commission
Pam Blough-Parks and Recreation Department
James Ruff-Senior Planner for Planning Division
Kim Dickinson-YWCA
Tina Crawford-YWCA
Phil Dorland-Parks and Recration Department
Pam Fowler-Citizens Referral Specialist for Mayor
Walt Lingo-Lansing Community College
Marty Pastura-YMCA
Floyd D, Wright-Lansing Planning Board Chairman
Ellen Kays-Downtown Neighborhood Association
Turney Gratz-Development Division
Michael F. Smith, Public Sector Consultants

DISCUSSION:

This report itemizes the concerns of the committee and will address the items as a broad overview.

The need for additional electrical services, storage, docking, and open spaces for special events.

The need for coordination during the planning and implementation phases for special events.

Additional lunch time seating, entertainment, and programming was requested.

The need for tennis courts within the downtown area available during lunch and after work.

A physical inventory of all existing facilities and a plan of action to correct the problem areas.

Downtown locker room facilities.

A network for distributing information regarding programs sponsored by the Y's, LCC, and the City in the downtown area.

A series of recreational maps outlining possible lunch time activities, runs and walks would be helpful.

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COMMITTEE: Community Centers

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairperson Debbie Balan
Florence Estes-Foster Advisory Board
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Tracey Keyton-Lansing Parks and Recreation
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Penny Knupp-Lansing Parks and Recreation
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Pam Blough-Lansing Parks and Recreation
Mary Jo Lum-Foster Advisory Board
James Kaiser-Gier Advisory Board
Richard Allen-Kingsley Advisory Board
Kriss Pullen-Lansing Parks and Recreation
Gary Jacob-Lansing Parks and Recreation

DISCUSSION;

Over the next five years, this committee would like to see the following goals being met:

An assessment be made of each enter's physical condition to ascertain needed improvements.

Repairs, alterations and renovations be implemented in order to accomplish the following objectives:

- Attract more usage of Gier ballfield area
- Increase use of Foster Center and Gym
- Increase use of Kingsley Center and Gym
- Increase use of Gier Center and Gym

Expand programs and Community use of the centers:

- Expand operation to seven days and evening hours.
- Reassess groups/organizations using centers
- Address financial constraints
- Continue programming
- Develop new programs

Increase staff resources to accommodate the expansion in programming.

Construction or acquisition of a southend community center.

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COMMITTEE: Special Events

COMMITTEE MEMBERS; Chairperson Mary Winegar-Asst. Com. Ctr. Super.
Diane Brewer-Riverfest and Jaycees
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Susan Cantlon-Cultural Arts Coordinator, Parks and Rec.
Steve Widder-Lansing Parks and Recreation
Kit Frey-East Lansing Recreation Coordinator
Doug Wiley-Business Manager Lansing Parks and Recreation
Diane Townsend-Lansing City Market, Parks and Recreation
Denise Lynch-Special Leisure Services Coordinator-Lansing Parks
Pam Blough-Lansing Parks and Recreation

DISCUSSION;

Programming needs addressed teen events, winter special events, family evening events, ethnic events, city wide canned events, brown bag series, and concerts.

Marketing person assigned to promoting, recruiting, and planning special events, and responsible for an events calendar.

Research and seek grants for programming and facilities. Also award grants to outside agencies will to provide programs.

Facility needs addressed a portable gazebo, speaker system for outdoor use, portable stage, and the renovation of City Hall lobby for use for special programs and exhibits.

Take risk in new programming opportunities.

Develop a City wide insurance policy of groups of food/events.

Centralize solicitation of businesses to avoid overlap.

Inventory existing events and facilities and program where there are needs.

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COMMITTEE: Oak Park Complex

DISCUSSION:

Anticipating that the Oak Park Service Complex will be acquired within the next couple of years by the Board of Water and Light for the purpose of a downtown station, the committee assumed that a new service complex will be needed. The report carefully itemizes anticipated service complex needs in order to meet the anticipated future needs. Complex needs include office space for Field Service Management, Forestry Management, Equipment Shop Management and Field Service Crew Operations. Also building for Infrastructure Repair and storage for other divisions. On ground open storage for items requiring little security and no protection for the elements will also be required.

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COMMITTEE: Street and Public Trees

COMMITTEE MEMBERS; Chairperson Bob Cool-Manager of Field Services
Dr. J. James Kielbaso-Forestry Dept. of Michigan State University
Marshall Baeckeroot-Horticulture Technology Oakland Community College
Dan Veresh-Dow Gardens
William L. Lawrence- City Forester of City of Ann Arbor
J. Paul Swartz-Manager of Grounds for Michigan State University
Robert L. Cramer-Forestry Supervisor Parks & Recreation Dept.

DISCUSSION:

Recommendations:
A minimum of 2,000 trees be planted annually in addition to State of Michigan being responsible to plant all State Trunk lines in the City. This is required in order to preserve the current beauty of the City for residents and visitors.

Maintain a maximum 8 year trimming/ special attention inspection cycle for all trees. Currently only a 16 year cycle is being met. This neglect will increase the number of emergency and hazardous response calls as well as increased risk and liability.

Tree fertilization will add to the longevity of older trees, increase strength and reduce the need and cost of tree removals and replacements.

Solicitation of State and Federal grant programs for increased materials and staff.

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COMMITTEE: Lansing Municipal Cemeteries

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairperson Doug Wiley-Lansing Parks and Rec.
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Peter Stoughton
Robert L. Loerke
Sandra Shafley
James R. Riley Jr.
Lance R. Lynch
Bruce Dunn

DISCUSSION:

Five Year Goals

1. Prepare a Development and Feasibility Study
2. Expansion of available lots
3. Cemetery beautification, maintenance
4. Annually review operation practices, policies, and procedures.
5. Promote cemetery utilization.

Plan of Action

1. Make safe depression in Section H of Mt. Hope.
2. Develop Section P of Evergreen into 2 grave monuments with flush markers.
3. Subdivide the majority of the unsold outside lots in Evergreen Cemetery.
4. Replace water system in Mt. Hope.
5. A mausoleum and/or above ground columbarium and a chapel/central set location for winter burials should be considered for Evergreen.
6. Income could be generated if the City should take on additional special care lots though bid contract arrangements.

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COMMITTEE: Potter Park Zoo

DISCUSSION:

The Mayor and City Council, in their policy setting role, must review and act on major zoo projects. Their approval should encompass a plan that will allow for the staff growth necessary to perform continued proper care of the animals and the upkeep of all public areas.

The five year focus of attention for the people areas include, in priority order: 1) Renovation of the large picnic pavilion; 2) Addition of larger and handicapper accessible restrooms and concession in the zoo; 3) Entry plaza, office and educational center. Focus of attention for the animal areas, in priority order: 1) Renovation of the small moats and old monkey island; 2) Renovation of the farm yard; 3) Renovation of the Bird House. The committee recommended closing of the bear moats until renovation of the Bird House take place.

Planning and funding should be secured for continued improvements to roads and walks, directional and educational signage, improved maintenance, additional security, regulated opening and closing hours, replanting of trees, improve responsiveness to the public, on grounds communication in case of emergency, materials for minor repairs, continued painting and appearance improvements, and improvements to limit erosion.

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COMMITTEE: Neighborhood Park Programs

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairperson Carol Rapson-Lansing Parks & Rec.
George Harlow-Park Board
Jim Spackman-Planning Department
Eleanor Love-Planning Department
Pam Blough-Lansing Parks and Recreation
Denise Lynch-Lansing Parks and Recreation
Eric Reickel-Lansing Parks and Recreation
Mary Winegar-Lansing Parks and Recreation
Mary Clark-Green Oaks
Howard Jones-South Central Neighborhood
JoAnne Jager-Colonial Village/Logan Square
Cheryl Risner-Eastside Neighborhood
Ralph Blouch-River Forest Neighborhood
Ellen Kays-Downtown Neighborhood
Priscilla Holmes-Lansing Neighborhood Council Kate Young-Eastside Neighborhood
David Finnie-Lansing School District
Stan Darling-Lansing School District
Phil Wells- DNR Recreation Division
Jim Bristor-MSU Professor of Recreation

DISCUSSION:

1. Prepare complete plan for utilization of school facilities and submit to Lansing School Board
2. Provide mobile recreation unit(s) for activities such as drama, crafts, games, and music utilizing college intern students volunteer, and part-time staff.
3. Add more summer neighborhood sites including Green Oaks, Bingham, Allen, Hunter, Moores, Dunnebeck, 119th Parks and Neighborhood Schools.
4. Provide latch key programs coordinated with neighborhood parks, schools, community centers and transportation.
5. Provide programs for teen including a strategy for transportation.
6. Bring back the summer indoor swimming pool program that was offered at the public schools.
7. Young families are returning to older neighborhoods, so programming should be reevaluated.
8. Offer more scholarships for lower socio-economic families.
9. Expand floor hockey program on the East Side.
10. Programs are lacking in the following areas: Nature study, mobile recreation, track, gym activities, arts and crafts shows, enrichment programs in schools and games for small neighborhood areas.
11. Community centers are needed in south Lansing.
12. Expand budget for playground equipment.
13. Neighborhoods without parks or contained by major street barriers need transportation to community centers.
14. Education programs in schools

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COMMITTEE: Lansing City Market

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairperson Phil Dorland-Lansing Parks and Rec.
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Diane Townsend
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Harry Blanchard
Margert McCall
Judith Mohay Filice
Darrell Sweet
Peter Stoughton
Doug Wiley
Pam Fowler
Carol Croop
Christopher Steele
Jim Spackman
Emerson Ohl
Pat Miller
Mary Zehner
Ada Shenabarger

DISCUSSION:

Five Year Planning Goals
1. Marketing and feasibility study
2. Renovations and possible expansion including access and site amenities
3. Improved maintenance and appearance
4. Ongoing reviews and updating of operational practices, policies, and procedures.
5. Marketing programs

Plans of Action
1. Marketing and feasibility studies
2. Renovation needs including consideration of access and site amenities.
3. Improved maintenance and appearance.
4. Ongoing reviews and updating of operational practices, policies and procedures.
5. Marketing programs.

In conclusion, sufficient research needs to be undertaken to assist the decision making process involving plans for Market expansion, elements of access, appearance, Market composition, operational procedures and marketing strategies. This research has to be built into the City's planning process to support decisions relating both to the facility and its operation.

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COMMITTEE: Scott Art and Garden Center

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairperson Joe Kleinhans-Leisure Services
Barb Wortman-V.P. Tri County Iris Society
Judy Kish-Potter Park Zoological Society
Judi Herbert-Lansing Art Guild
Betty Scott-Estes Furniture
June Knostman-Garden Club Greater Lansing
Roger Peel-Lansing Camera Club
Irene Murray-Garden Club Greater Lansing
David Dickhaut-Friends of Cooley Gardens
Debbie Balan-Community Center Coordinator

DISCUSSION:

The Scott Center Board made up of the groups who regularly use the Scott Center and Gardens should be reactivated.

Required renovations to the building are as follows:
1. Renovation of the bathroom facilities
2. Finishing of the basement in to work space for the clubs
3. Improve outdoor lighting
4. Remove aluminum siding and restore exterior
5. Hire a landscape gardener to maintain the gardens and grounds
6. Trim and maintain all trees and bushes
7. Add a coat room
8. Modernize the kitchen to make it more functional
9. Remove ceiling tiles
10. Update electrical services
11. Outdoor signage is required for building identification
12. Increase parking lot size
13. Refinish floors
14. Improve handicapper accessibility

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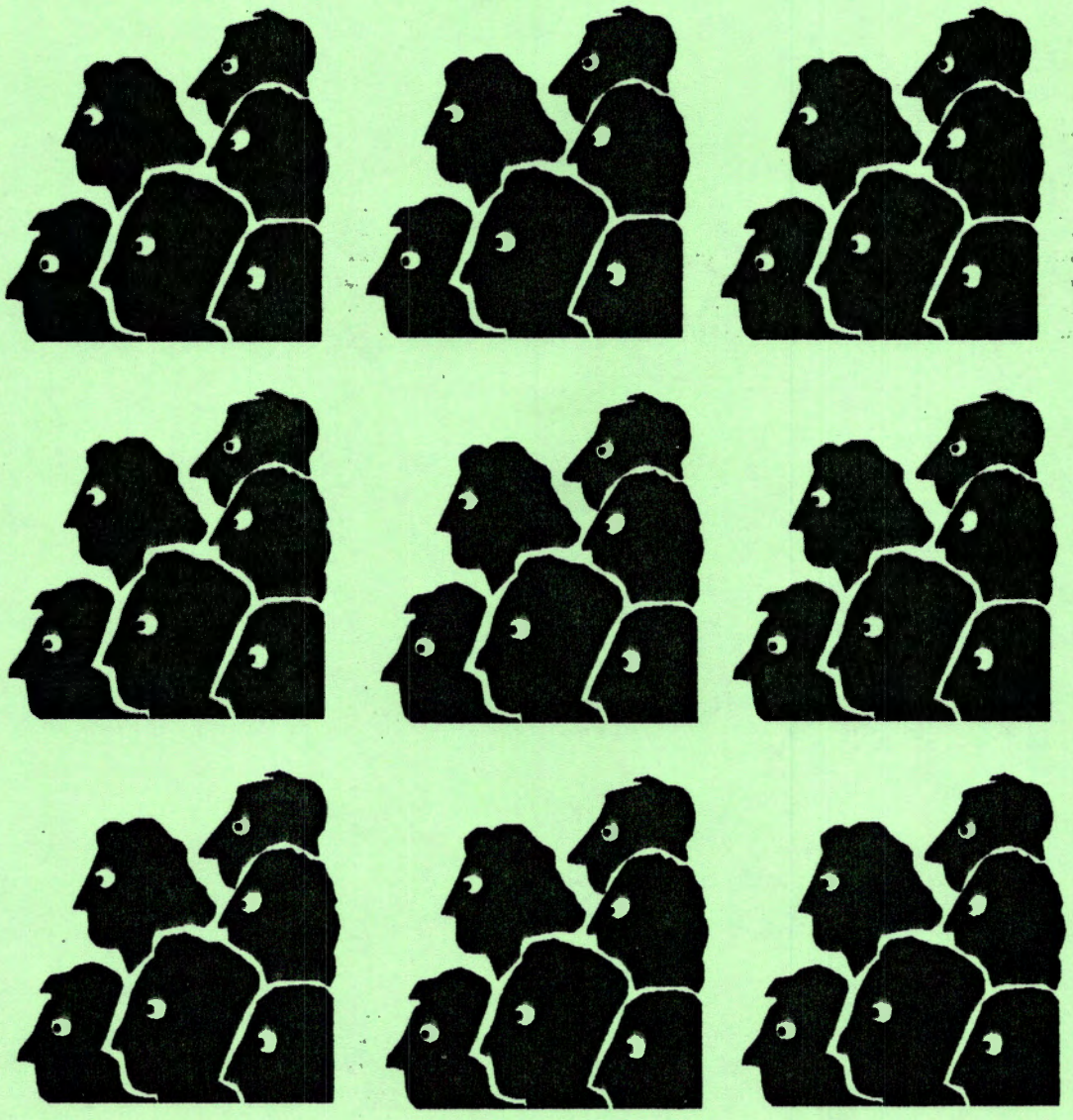
PARKS AND RECREATION
RESIDENT SURVEY



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PARKS AND RECREATION RESIDENT SURVEY

City of Lansing
Parks and Recreation Department
Prepared by Pamela Blough

The survey was completed January 1990 as part of the preparation for the Five Year Parks and Recreation Department Master Plan for the years of 1990-1994

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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

124 W. Michigan Ave.
4th Floor, City Hall
Lansing, Michigan 48933
(517) 483-4277

November 3, 1989

Dear Resident:

The City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department is preparing a new 5 Year Master Plan that will be used to plan for the future of the department. You have been randomly selected to receive a survey. The survey contains questions which ask you for your opinions concerning our current park facilities and recreational programs.

Would you please take ten minutes of your time to answer the questions and mail the survey back immediately. A self-addressed, stamped envelope has been provided for your convenience.

Your comments will be most helpful and appreciated. Thank you for taking the time to participate in the future planning of Lansing!

Sincerely,

Terry J. McKane
Mayor

R. Eric Reickel
Parks and Recreation Director

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CITY OF LANSING, PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT SURVEY

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2. How often does a member of your household participate in a Parks and Recreation program? ie: activity, special event, athletic league, class.

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3. How did you find out about the programs and activities offered by the Lansing Parks and Recreation Department?

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Comments:_____

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16. Are there any members of your household 50 years or older?
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17. What is your household income?
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18. Any additional comments or suggestions that you wish to make:

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SURVEY METHOD

The purpose of this survey was to randomly receive information from Lansing citizens concerning the Lansing Parks and Recreation Department. Areas of interest included park facility and program usage, interest in new facilities and programs, and basic demographic information. It was important to keep the survey easy and quick to complete in order to increase the number of surveys returned.

An eighteen question survey was written and prepared by departmental staff. The questionnaire and a letter of introduction signed by the Mayor and Director along with a stamped addressed return envelope were mailed out to the selected households. Selection of households was prepared by the Planning and Municipal Development Department. A total of 2,317 surveys, which represents roughly 5% of the total households, were mailed to households evenly divided by the U.S. Census Bureau Neighborhood Census Tracts. A total of 544 completed surveys were received for a return rate of 23%.

Failure of return can be accredited to surveys returned after the one-month cut off, surveys returned to sender due to improper addresses, and possible reading or language barriers incurred in the households. No follow up procedures were used on the non-responses.

Upon receipt the surveys were opened and tabulated by the use of LOTUS software. The summery of the results of the survey are included in this report. Many of the surveys had hand written comments which have been included where pertinent to the results. All completed surveys were numbered and retained on file for future reference.

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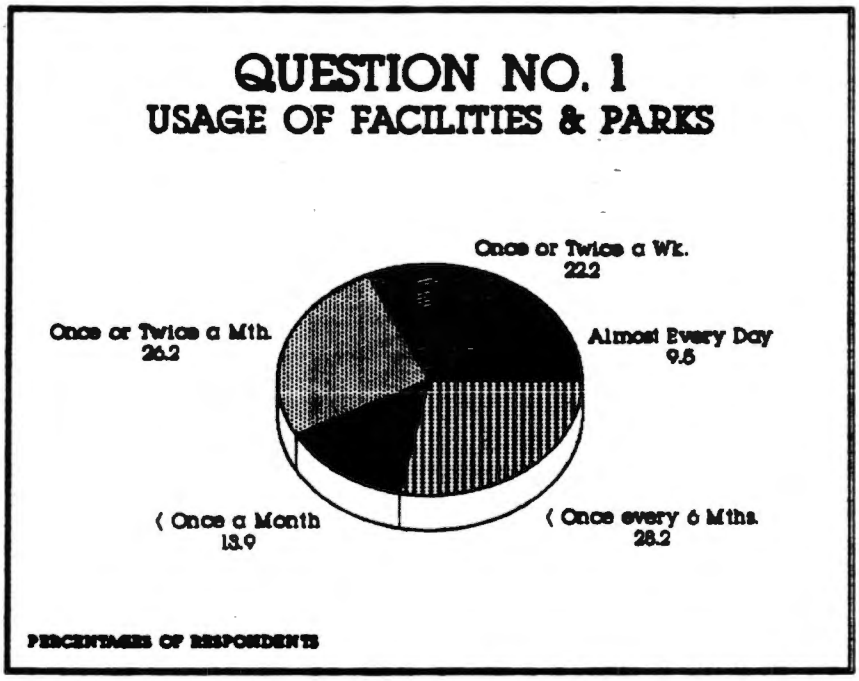

Question No. 1: How often does a member of your household use a Parks and Recreation Department facility or park?

REPLY	# OF RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Almost Every Day	50	9.5
Once or Twice a Wk.	117	22.2
Once or Twice a Mth.	138	26.2
< Once a Mth.	73	13.9
< Once Every 6 Mths.	148	28.2
TOTALS	526	100.0

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this question was to attempt to identify the usage pattern of the respondents. When totaled, 57.9 percent, over half, of the households use a facility or park at least once a month with 31.7% of those indicating usage of at least once a week.

The second part of the question asked the respondent to state which park or facility they used. Not all of the respondents provided an answer but many gave more than one response. The usefulness of this information is in facility or park recall and it also

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demonstrates a very broad base of usage with most every parkland being identified at least once. No list was given to the respondents to stimulate the response.

PARKS & FACILITIES	# OF TIMES STATED
Potter	190
Frances	57
Fenner	40
Gier	36
Riverfront/River Trail	33
Washington	31
Moores	21
Davis	16
Foster Center	15
Golf Courses	12
Bancroft	11
Kingsley Center	10
Grand River, Scott Woods, City Market, Ranney	9
Sr. Center, Quentin, Marshall, Tecumseh, St. Joseph, Hunter	7
Sycamore	6
Westside	5
Poxson	4
Attwood, Everett, Forest View	3
Georgetown, Averill, Wainwright, Porter, Risdale Elmhurst, Marscott, Dwight Rich, Riverside, Ingham, 119th Armory, Durant	2
Hillborn, Lewton, Pleasant Grove, Kendon, Cemeteries, Stroud, Clifford, Elm, Kendon, Oak, Ormond, Munn, Reasoner, Seventh, Filley, Kimberely, Tammany, Washington Mall, Horsebrook, Osborn, Graves, Neller Ct., Ferris, Turner-Dodge	1

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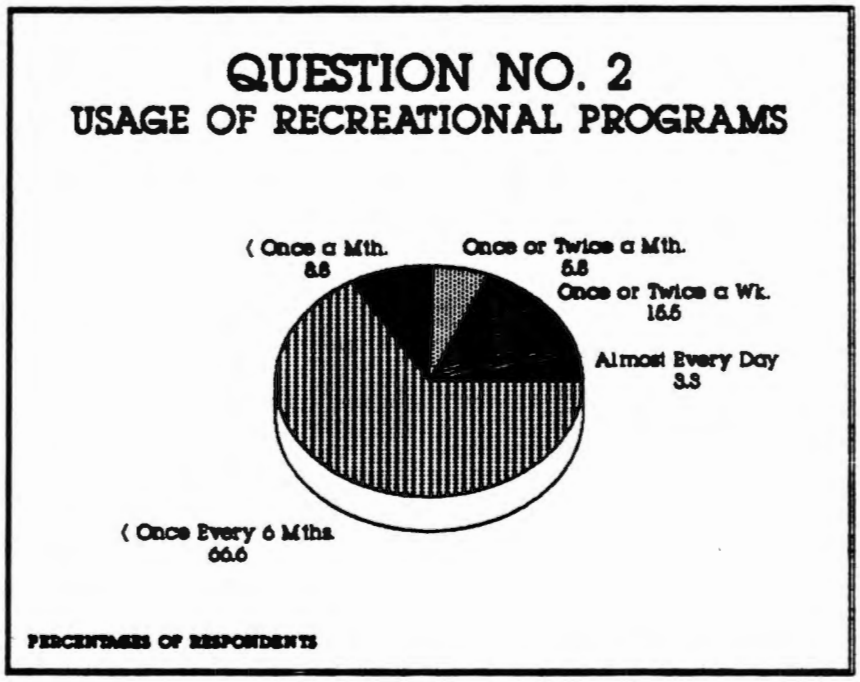
QUESTION NO. 2
USAGE OF RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS
< Once a Mth. 8.8
Once or Twice a Mth. 5.8
Once or Twice a Wk. 15.5
Almost Every Day 3.3
< Once Every 6 Mths 66.6
PERCENTAGES OF RESPONDENTS

Question No. 2: How often does a member of your family participate in a Parks and Recreation Program? ie: activity, special event, athletic league, or class.

REPLY	# OF RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Almost every day	15	3.3
Once or Twice a Wk.	69	15.5
Once or Twice a Mth.	26	5.8
< Once a Mth.	39	8.8
< Once Every 6 Mths	296	66.6
TOTALS	445	100.0

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this question was to determine respondent usage patterns of current recreational programs. 24.6 percent of the respondent households use a recreational program at least once a month. The great limitation of this question is whether or not users often recognize the sponsors of events such as the 4th of July or the Michigan Run.

Respondents were asked to state which programs they participate in on the blank space provided. No specific list of alternatives was

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give to cue responses. A summery of the responses follows.

# OF REPLIES	PROGRAM
	SPORTS
42	Softball
15	Soccer
12	Volleyball
11	Baseball
11	Basketball
8	Athletic League
5	T-Ball
4	Golf
3	Tennis
2	Skiing
2	Youth Baseball
1	Bowling
1	Floor Hockey
	FACILITY PROGRAMS
8	Fenner
8	Washington Ice Rink
6	Potter
4	Turner-Dodge
	PROGRAMS
12	Community Center Programs
10	Special Events
7	Senior Programs
4	Swimming
3	Dance
2	Crafts
1	Movies
1	Aerobics
1	Yoga
1	Tutoring

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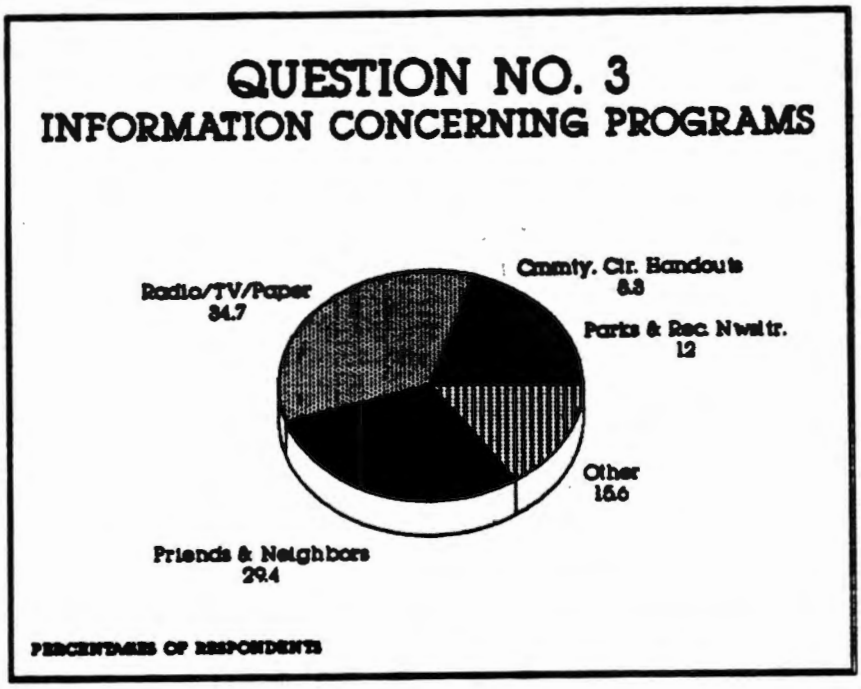

Question No. 3: How did you find out about the programs and activities offered by the Lansing Parks and Recreation Department?

REPLY	# OF RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Parks & Recreation Newsletter	59	12.0
Handouts From Community Center	41	8.3
Radio/TV/Newspaper	171	34.7
Friends and Neighbors	145	29.4
Other	77	15.6
TOTALS	493	100.0

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this question was to determine if the current forms of communication are reaching the greatest amount of respondents. Currently, 34.7 percent of the respondents found out about the programs through the Radio/TV/Paper which therefore indicates that the media is currently the most effective means.

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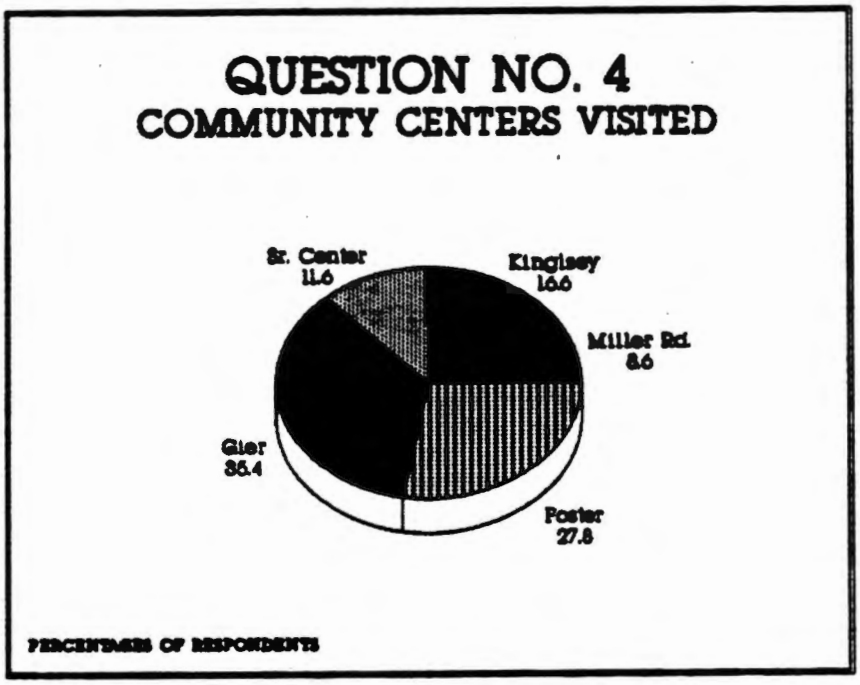

Question No. 4: Which of the following Community Centers have you visited?

REPLY	# OF RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Miller	43	8.6
Kingsley	83	16.6
Sr. Center	58	11.6
Gier	177	35.4
Foster	139	27.8
TOTALS	500	100.0

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this question was to try to identify which of the Community Centers were being visited. Gier and Foster were the Centers which had been visited by the greatest number of respondents. It should be noted that some returned surveys did not check any centers indicating that not all of the residents have in fact visited the Department's Centers, while some respondents chose more than one response.

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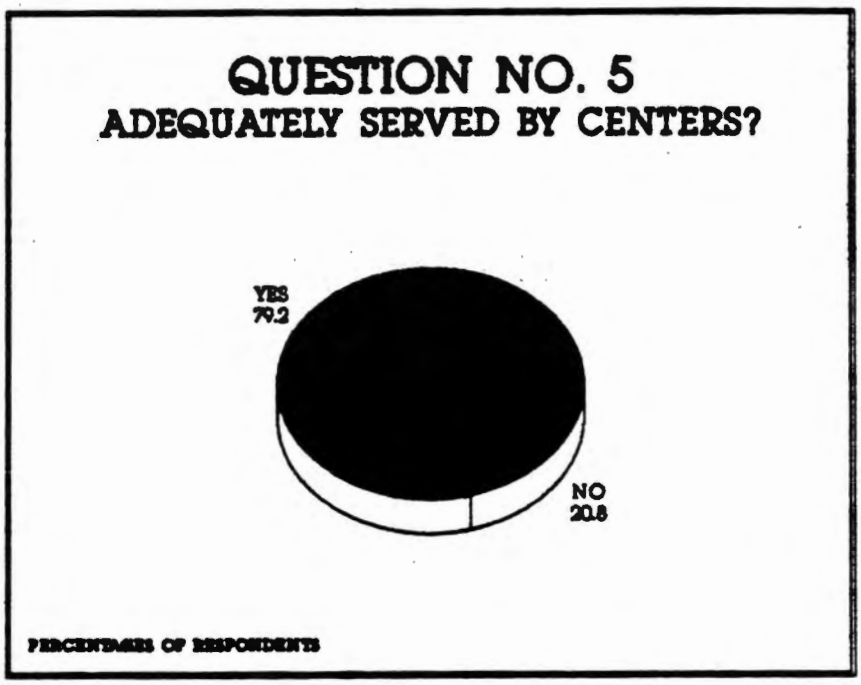

Question No. 5: Do you feel that you are adequately served by these Community Centers?

REPLY	# OF RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Yes	266	79.2
No	70	20.8
TOTALS	336	100.0

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this question was to assess the public's perception of their current service by the existing Centers. 79.2 percent of the respondents answered yes. Of those answering no, (5) gave location of the centers,(1) gave the condition of the restrooms, (2) gave no knowledge of the centers, (3) don't use the centers, and (1) response gave staff, as the reason they do not feel that they are adequately served.

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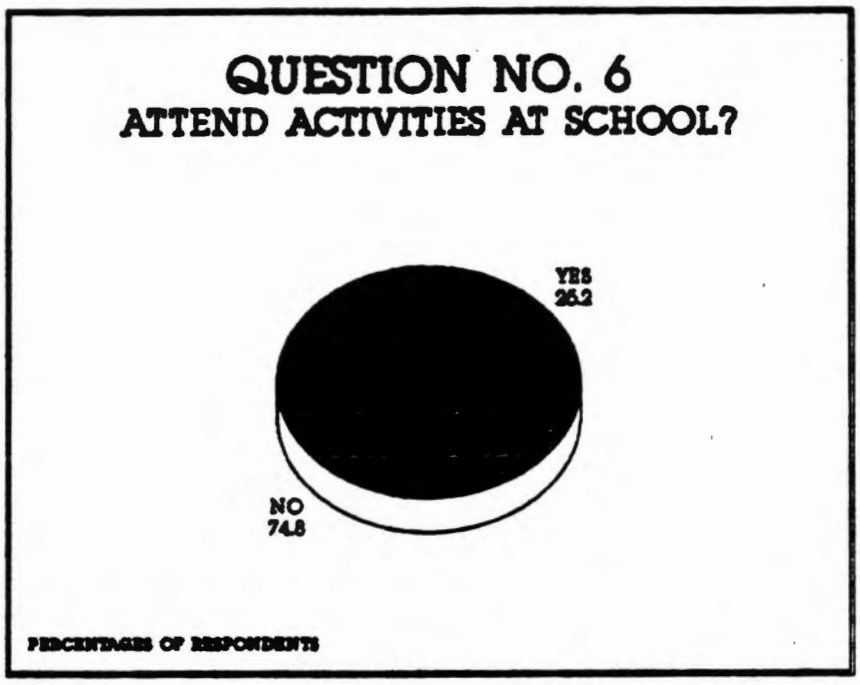

Question No. 6: Do you now use or attend activities at the school in your neighborhood?

REPLY	# OF RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Yes	130	25.2
No	385	74.8
TOTAL	515	100.0

DISCUSSION:

This question's purpose was to determine whether or not residents are currently using their neighborhood schools for activities. Only 25.2 percent of the households answered yes.

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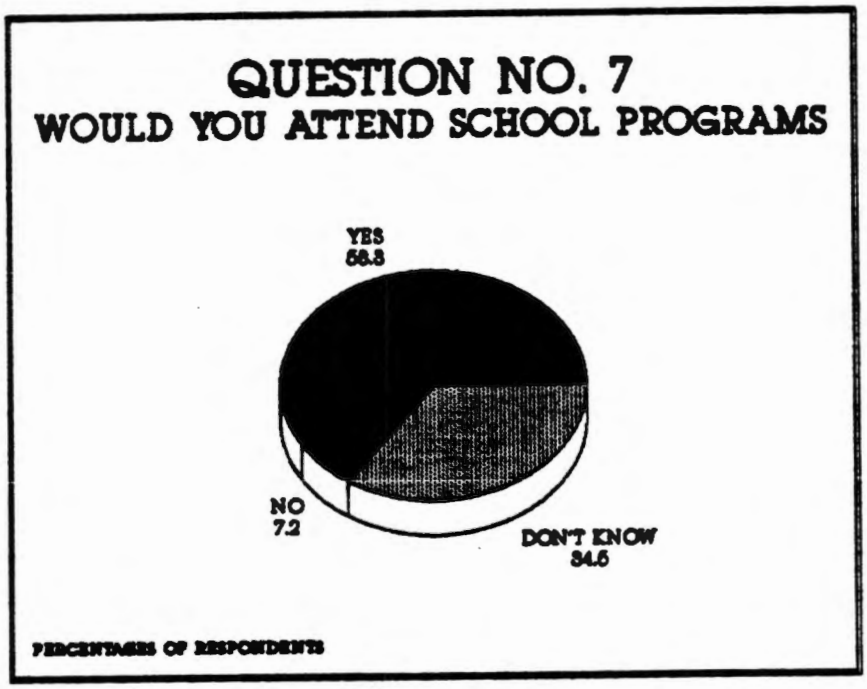

Question No. 7: Would you like to see recreation programs offered at your neighborhood school?

REPLY	# OF RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Yes	285	58.3
No	35	7.2
Don't Know	169	34.5
TOTAL	479	100.0

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this question was to determine whether or not interest exists for programs to be offered at the neighborhood schools. 58.3 percent answered yes.

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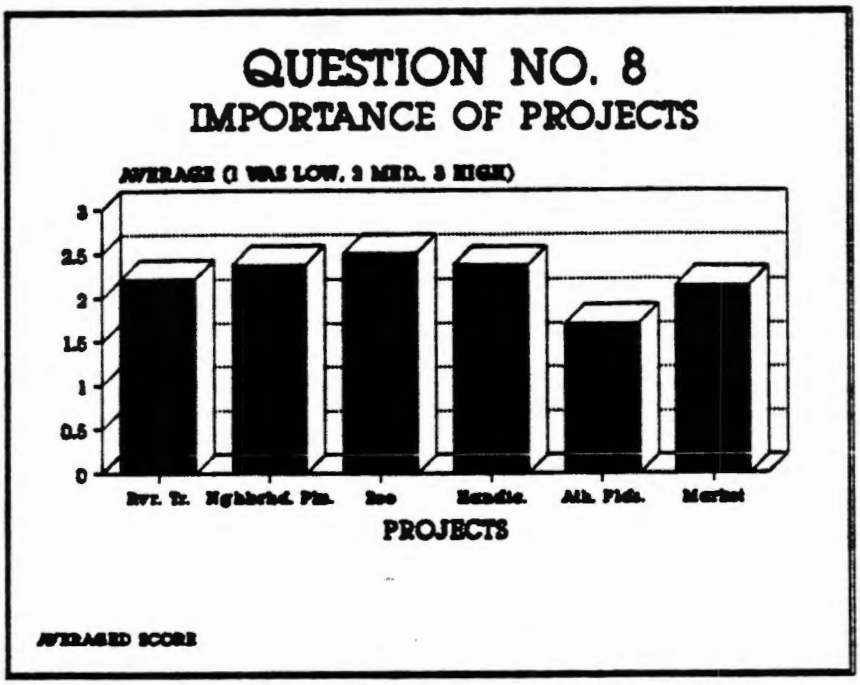

Question No. 8: How would you rate the importance of the following projects?

The responses Low, Medium, and High were given values of 1, 2, and 3. The averages were calculated for each of the projects to determine a measurable indicator. The higher the average, the higher level of importance it was given by the survey respondents.

PROJECT	AVERAGE
a. Continued extension of the River Trail Walking/Biking Pathway	2.22
b. Improvements for facilities in neighborhood parks	2.38
c. Continued renovation of Potter Park Zoo	2.51
d. Make facilities more accessible for the handicapped	2.37
e. Additional athletic fields	1.71
f. Renovation of the Municipal Market	2.14

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DISCUSSION:

This question addressed current areas where project monies are being spent. This question was designed to measure current public opinion of these projects. Renovation of Potter Park Zoo had the highest average opinion at 2.51.

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Question No. 9: What new programs, facilities, or park would you like to see?

NO. OF REPLIES	REPLY
	FACILITIES
15	Swimming
10	Play Equipment
10	Additional/Repair Tennis
9	Biking Areas
8	Continue Potter Renovation
7	Hiking Trails
6	Riverfront
6	Volleyball
5	Play Equipment
5	Southern Community Center
4	Keep More Natural Areas
3	Jogging Areas
3	Amusement Park
2	Downtown Boat Rental
2	More Picnic Areas
2	Sledding Areas
2	Improve Golf Courses
1	Indoor Jogging
1	Martin Luther King Park
1	Mini Parks
1	Sell Golf Courses
1	North Lansing Park
1	Open Crego Park
1	Shooting Range
1	Softball Improvements
1	Drinking Fountains
1	More Neighborhood Parks
1	Racquetball
1	Dog Trails
1	ATV Riding Area
1	Camping Area
1	Park at Miller and Armstrong
	PROGRAMS
11	Youth and Teen Programs
9	Ice Skating
8	Summer Programs
7	Cross Country Skiing
6	More Arts and Music
5	More Dance
5	Crafts
5	Adult Fitness and Aerobics
5	Neighborhood Activities
4	Additional Handicapped Programs
3	More Preschool
3	Band Concerts
3	40-50 year Old Programming

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NO. OF PRELYS	REPLY
3	More Supervision
2	Horseback Riding
2	Family Events
1	Shuttle to Parks
1	Rollerskating
1	Bowling
1	Winter Sports
1	Mexican Programs
1	Soccer for 12 and Under
1	Downtown Activities
1	Electric Golf Carts
1	Outdoor Hockey
1	Day Care
1	Boxing Gym
1	Fairs
1	Nature Classes
1	Yoga
1	Model Car Racing
1	Greenhouse Activities
1	Transportation to Activities
1	Repeat Riverfest
1	Language Classes
1	More Program Selection
1	Create More Revenue
1	Seven Day Programming
1	More Senior Programs
1	Daytime Activities
1	Basketball at Schools
1	After School Programs
	MAINTENANCE
6	Attendants and Better Restrooms
3	Park Clean up Days
2	More Security
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1	Improve Parks on Kalamazoo St.

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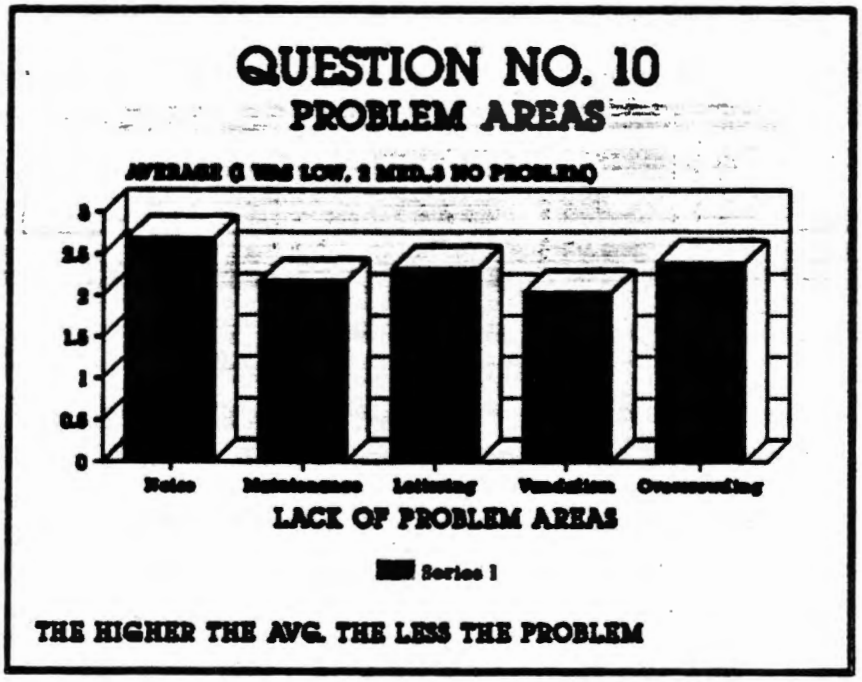

Question No. 10: Do you feel that any of the following are a problem at the Parks and Recreation Department's parks and facilities?

The responses Severe, Small, or No Problem were given a respective value of 1, 2, and 3. The values of the responses were then summed and averaged to find the average response. This average can then be used as an indicator in order to relate responses for each of the five possible problems listed. The higer the average, the less of a problem is indicated.

TYPE OF PROBLEM	# OF RESPONSES	AVERAGE
a. Noise	307	2.69
b. Maintenance	314	2.18
c. Loitering	332	2.34
d. Vandalism	349	2.04
e. Overcrowding	319	2.40

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this question was to determine where possible problem areas exist concerning the parks system. All areas questioned received a rating above 2 thereby indicating that most respondents felt there was less than a small or almost no problem at the Parks and Recreation Departments facilities and parks. A blank was provided for a problem facility to be listed, but response was basically non-existent.

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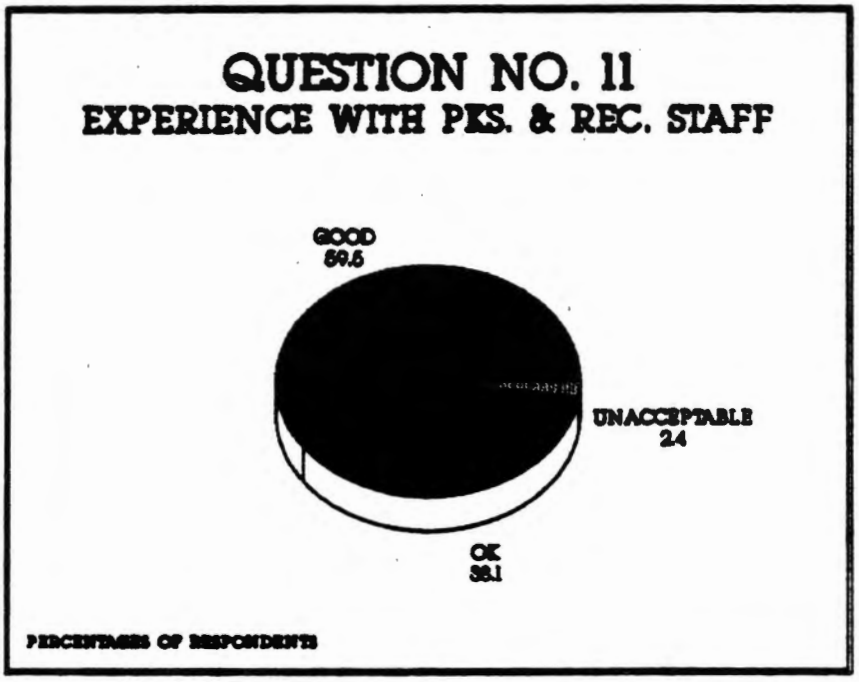

Question No. 11: How would you rate your experience with the Parks and Recreation staff?

REPLY	# OF RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Good	247	59.5
O.K.	158	38.1
Unacceptable	10	2.4
TOTAL	415	100.0

DISCUSSION:

This question allowed the respondents the opportunity to rate the Department's staff. Of the total 415 respondents, 97.6 percent considered their experiences o.k. or good.

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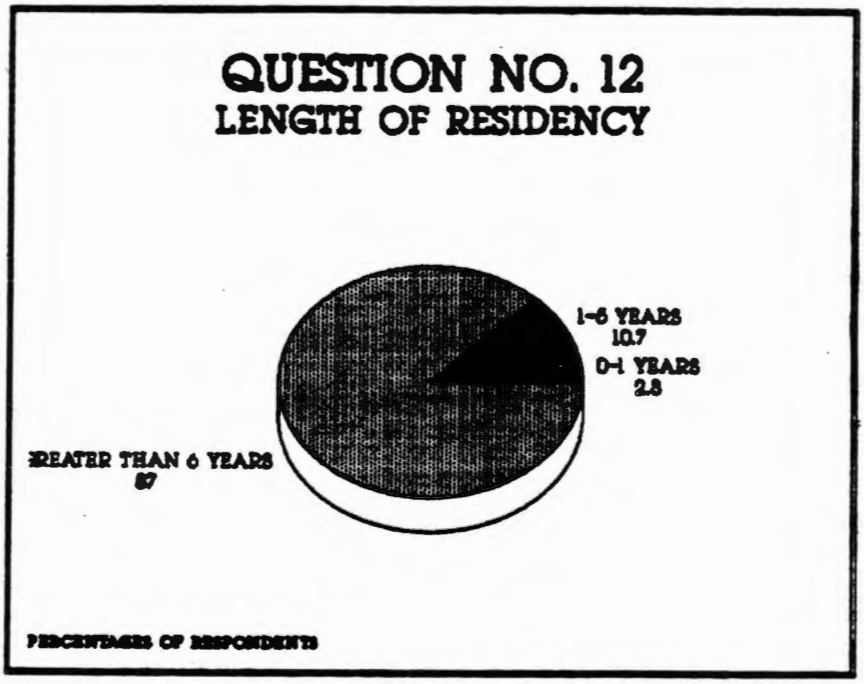

Question No. 12: How long have you lived in Lansing?

REPLY	# OF RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
0-1 Year	12	2.3
1-5 Years	56	10.7
6 Plus Years	455	87.0
TOTAL	523	100.0

DISCUSSION:

This question established the length of residency in consideration as to possible exposure to Department programs and facilities. An overwhelming 87 percent of the respondents have been residents six or more years.

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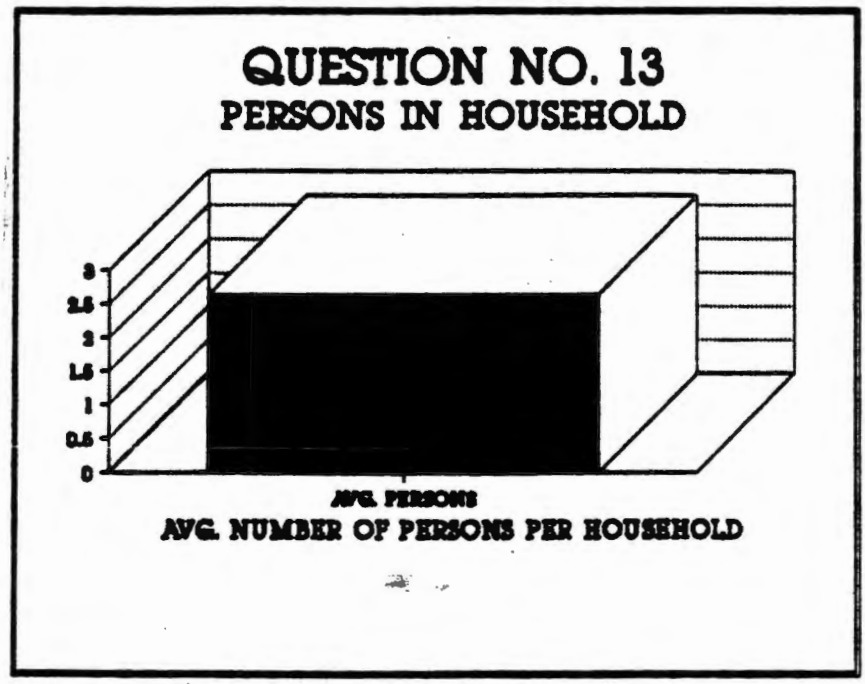

Question No. 13: How many people live in your household?

DISCUSSION:

There were 517 responses to the question which were averaged to 2.64 persons per household.

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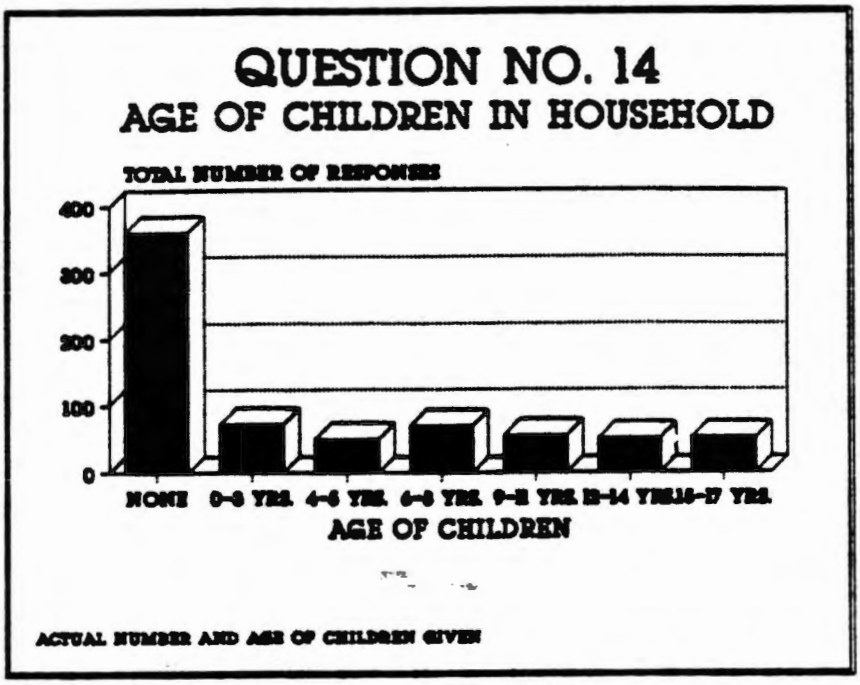

Question No. 14: How many children under the age of 18 live in your home? Please give their ages.

REPLY	# OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
No Children	361	50.6
# of Children 0-3 Yrs.	73	10.2
# of Children 4-5 Yrs.	50	7.0
# of Children 6-8 Yrs.	70	9.8
# of Children 9-11 Yrs.	56	7.9
# of Children 12-14 Yrs.	51	7.2
# of Children 15-17 Yrs.	52	7.3
TOTAL	713	100.0

DISCUSSION:

The results of this question show that over one-half, or 50.6 percent of the households contain zero children. Of the households which do contain children, there appears to be a fairly random distribution of children throughout the basic age groupings, with no age group appearing to be any less than the other. The highest percentage that appears for an age group is that of the newborn and toddler group of 0-3 Years with 10.2 percent.

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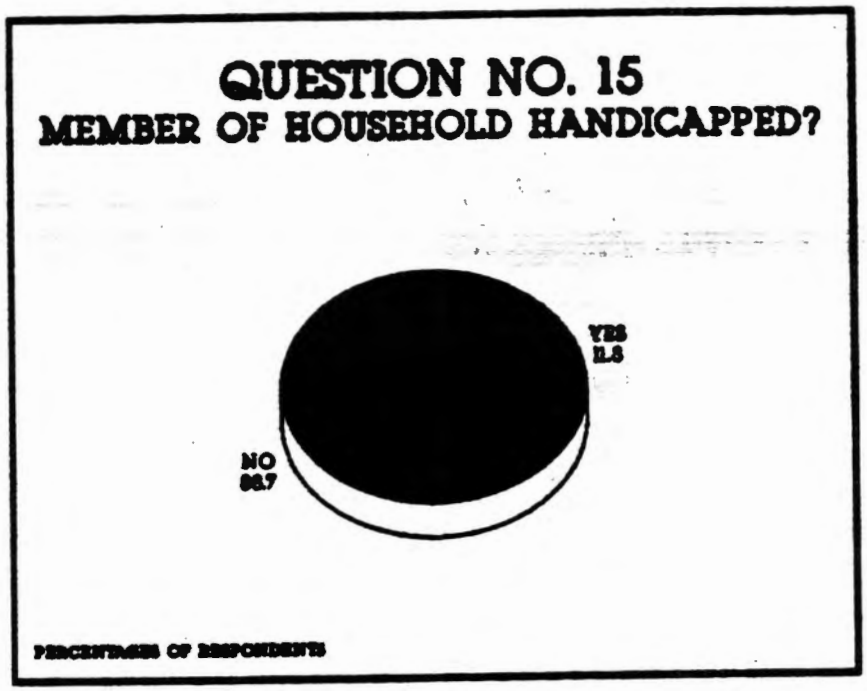

Question No. 15: Is there a member of your household who is physically handicapped?

REPLY	# OF RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Yes	59	11.3
No	464	88.7
TOTAL	523	100.0

DISCUSSION:

Of the totaled responses, 11.3 percent of the respondents feel that they have a handicapped member of the household, which could lead one to surmise that over 11 percent of the households in Lansing have a member who is some how affected by a handicap.

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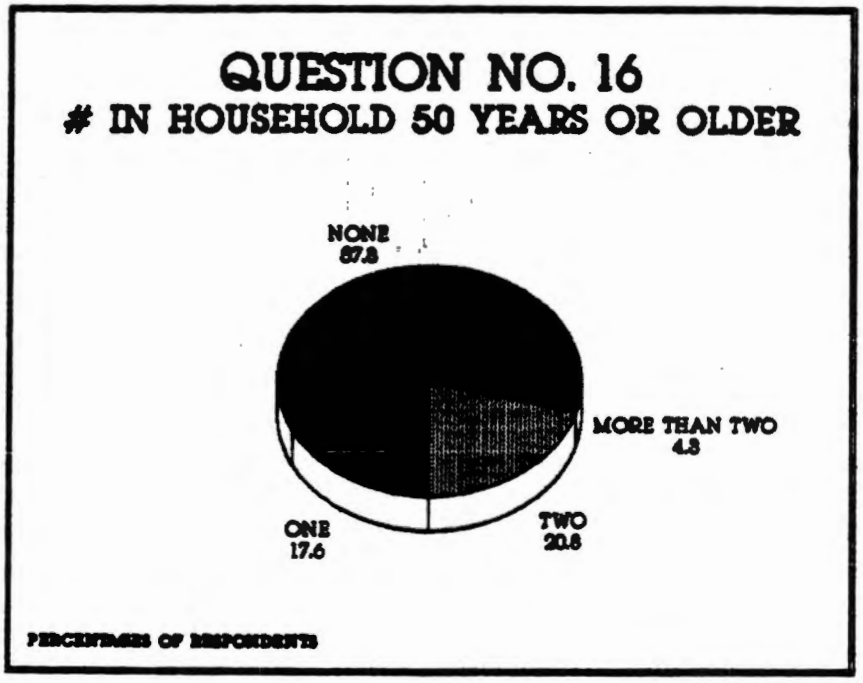

Question No. 16: Are there any members of your household 50 years or older?

REPLY	# OF RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
None	296	57.3
One	91	17.6
Two	108	20.8
More Than Two	22	4.3
TOTAL	517	100.0

DISCUSSION:

Almost half, or 42.6 percent of the households that responded have at least one person living in the home that is over the age of fifty years. Based upon the census trends, the aging of the "baby-boomer," and advances in health care, the percentage of the population over the age of fifty should be increasing.

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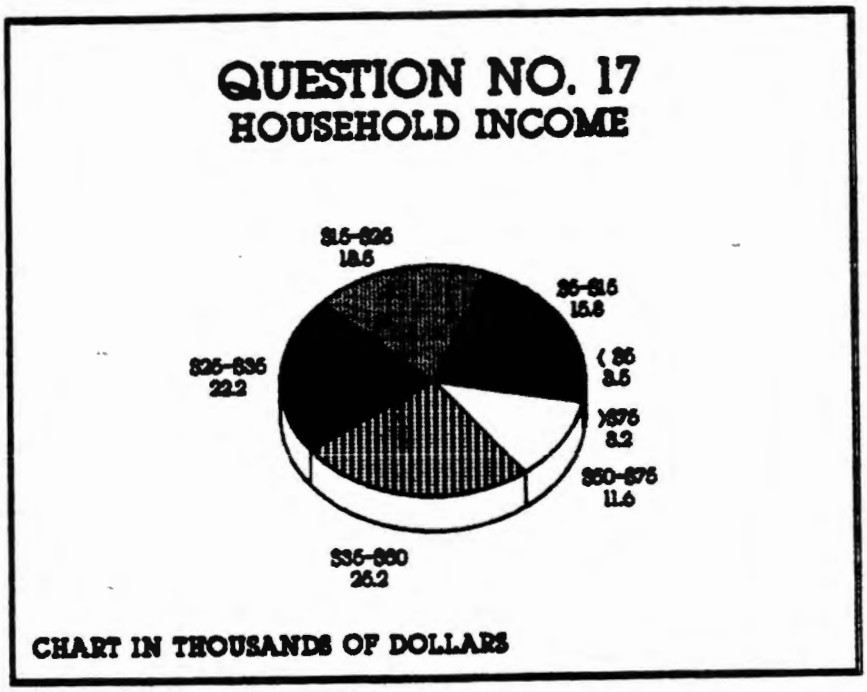

Question No. 17: What is your household income?

REPLY	# OF RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Less than $5,000	17	3.5
$5,001-$15,000	76	15.8
$15,001-$25,000	89	18.5
$25,001-$35,000	107	22.2
$35,001-$50,000	121	25.2
$50,001-$75,000	56	11.6
$75,001-$100,000	7	1.5
Greater than $100,000	8	1.7
TOTAL	481	100.0

DISCUSSION:

The mode response falls in the $35,001 - $50,000 household income with 25.2 percent of the respondents selecting the category. 47.40 percent of the respondents gave their household income as falling between 25,001-$50,000. Only 14.8 percent of the households selected over $50,000 while 37.8 percent gave incomes falling below $25,000.

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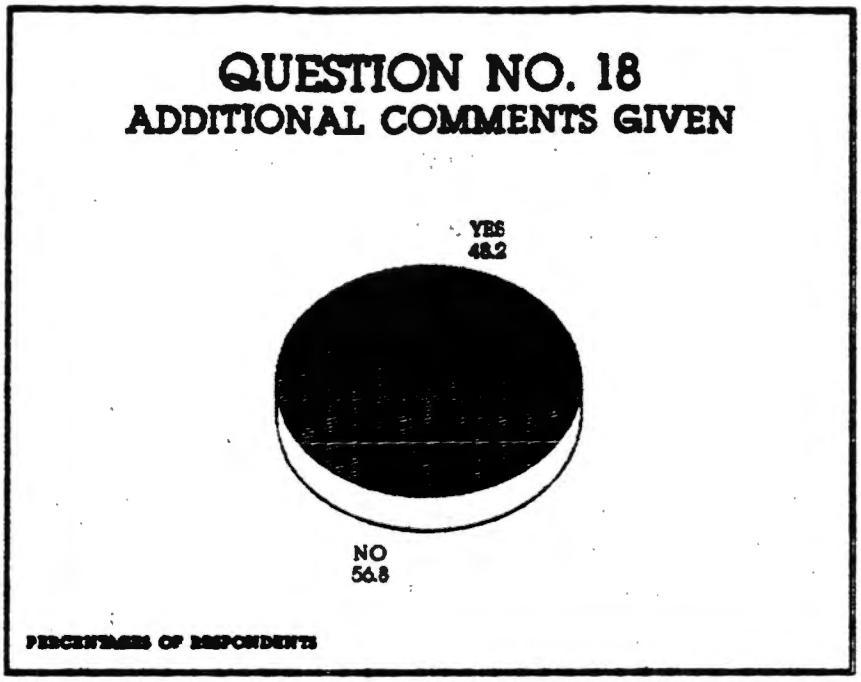

Question NO. 18: Any additional comments or suggestions that you wish to make.

REPLY	# OF RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Additional comments given	235	43.2
No comments Given	309	56.8
TOTAL	544	100.0

DISCUSSION:

43.2 percent of the respondents took the time to offer additional comments. Many of these comments were very lengthy and therefore are prohibitive from inclusion in this summery report. For the most part these comments were very positive. All of the completed questionnaires are on permanent record at the Parks and Recreation Department and can be reviewed at any time upon request.

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As part of the preparation of the plan, the Parks and Recreation Department will be holding a series of public hearings at the date, time and locations specified below. Citizens are invited to attend in order to offer input into the planning process. A brief presentation will be given followed by an opportunity for citizen participation.

Please plan to attend and tell us what you do and don't like, and what you would like to see in your parks system.

Date	Location	Date
Monday, March 5, 1990	10th Floor, City Hall	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7, 1990	Foster Center, 200 N. Foster	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 8, 1990	Gier Center, 2400 Hall St.	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 13, 1990	Kingsley Center, 1220 W. Kalamazoo	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 15, 1990	Miller Road Center, 311 Miller Rd.	7:00 p.m.

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The next Public Hearing will be held March 26, 1990 in the Ottawa Tower Building in Room 4 from 12:15-3:30 on a drop in basis.

Please plan to attend and tell us what you do and don't like, and what your would like to see in your parks system.

In particular we would like to hear whether or not there is interest in noontime and after-work recreation programs. What types of activities do you enjoy? When and where would you like these scheduled? What types of downtown facilities would you use?

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PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARIES

March 5, 1990, 7:00 P.M., Lansing City Council

Pat Murray-216 Moores River Dr. representing the South Central Neighborhood Association. Moores Park requires renovation to several park facilities, extension of the River Trail through Moores Park, and the continued support for the development of Garden St. Park.

Jan Clark-5846 Curtis. Spoke in support of a new southend senior center.

John Barron-1637 Willow Creek representing the Potter Park Zoological Society. Supports continued renovation to the Potter Park Zoo.

Eina Martin-3421 Glascow. A zoo volunteer who requests additional restrooms, security, educational graphics and new animal exhibits.

Priscilla Holmes-220 Reo. Supported continued extension of the River Trail, establishment of a bait shop in Moores Park, and the reinstatement of summer park programming.

Tim Russell-1314 Burton representing the Amateur Golf Association. Supported recent improvements to golf courses and would like to see continued improvements.

Russell Housing- Would like to see the River Trail continued to MSU by 1994.

Darrel Diggs-4000 W. Michigan. Would like to see a community center on the south end of town, later and weekend hours at the community centers, additional staff, and additional program funding.

Loyal Daniels-1011 Princeton. Spoke on concerns regarding Comstock Park, lack of restroom facilities, and lack of youth sports.

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Jim Donahue-Spoke in support for continued improvements to the golf courses.

June Knostman-20 Rolling Meadow representing the Garden Club of Greater Lansing. Would like to see continued renovation of the Scott Center, Scott and Cooley grounds, and beautification of Ruetter Park.

March 7, 1990, 7:30 P.M., Foster Center

Don Smith- Spoke in support of reinstatement of neighborhood play ground programs, increased youth programming, and senior programs.

Dan Magistro-Spoke in support of Fairview Park and asked that the park not be sold to Plymouth Congregational Church.

John Slye-Expressed concerns regarding the possible loss of the Senior Center, and the need for improved advertising of programs.

Lucille Slye- Noted the drop in attendance at Senior Programs and the need for better leadership at programs.

Steve Sheils-Enjoys the River Trail but would like to see a downtown ice skating rink linked to the Trail, connection of the Trail to Fenner Arboretum and improved play ground programs.

John Teller-Would like to see the River Trail linked to Fenner Arboretum, and objected to the use of 2-4D in parks.

Charles Haynes-People should be allowed to walk their dogs in the parks as long as they clean up after them. Increase hours at the Foster Center, and increase play ground programs.

Dr. Willie Davis-There is a need for a play ground program at Walsh Park.

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March 8,1990, 7:00 P.M., Gier Center

Diane Brewer representing the Capital City Riverfest. Requested continued City support of the Riverfest activities.

Jim Kaiser-Spoke concerning the need for after-school recreational programming and would be willing to open Grand River School for such activities.

Glen Dean- Addressed the need for increased structured youth programming including after school and weekends.

Glenn Lopez-Would like to see an increase in facilities at Bancroft Park including a pool or ice skating rink, a neighborhood park program, and would be willing to help staff.

Verna Ozanich- Spoke on the need for more youth programs, and transportation for the elderly to the senior programs.

Julie Tubbs Lott-Would like to see a greater sense of community around the parks and additional ice rinks.

Earl Nihart- Would like to see more tables and benches at Gier Park.

Claude Ramey- Would like to see an ice rink at Gier Park.

Tom Miller-Would like to see additional tournaments held at Gier Center and other events which help the Advisory Board gain revenues from concessions.

Jay Duquette representing the Greater Lansing Amateur Hockey Association. Would like to see Washington Ice Rink covered in order to increase the amount of ice time available. Noted there is a growing need for additional ice time.

March 13, 1990, 7:00 P.M., Kingsley Center

Jim Booth- Would like to see a non paved path along the south side of the Grand

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River from Consumers Power to Waverly Rd.

Harold Leeman- Would like to see improvements to Ranney Park, increased maintenance along major roads, lease Waverly Golf Course to Delta Township, and plans for Priggoris Park.

Lynn Garlick-Spoke on the needs of Seniors regarding the possible sale of the Lansing Civic Center.

Robert James-Concerned about the need for additional programming as a deterrent to youth problems including night and weekend hours.

March 15, 1990, 7:00 P.M. Miller Rd. Community Center

Bill Cantlon spoke on behalf of the Fenner Arboretum Advisory Board. Supports acquisition of land adjacent to Fenner, the River Trail link to Fenner, increased staffing, perimeter fence replacement, improved interior exhibits, trail redevelopment, and educational signage.

Mary Kiwala-expressed a concern for the need for more parking at Miller Rd., the need for paid kitchen help at senior programs, and more trees and benches in Riverfront Park.

Leona Good-Expressed need to protect the natural areas such as Fenner.

Jennifer Good-Supports the educational efforts of Fenner Arboretum, the need for more staff, and the acquisition of surrounding property.

Willard Dean, Dawn Verbaily, Shanda Dorn, James Marrow- all spoke on behalf of the Children's Charter Youth Advisory Council. They would like to see the fees for youth programs kept nominal, better maintained facilities, longer hours of operation, increased supervision and increased youth activities, as well as

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transportation to programs.

Cynithia Anderson Armstrong representing Village Townhouses- Would like to better maintenance at Georgetown and Attwood Parks and to sell undeveloped land to improve other parks.

Ann Antay-Expressed a need to retain all natural areas including Fenner, Scott Woods, Crego, acquire land surrounding these areas, provide additional staffing at Fenner and improve parking lots.

Kate Young representing the East Side Neighborhood Council-Agrees with the preservation of natural areas. Would like to see neighborhood parks improved, increased neighborhood programming, cooperation between schools and park staff, and more picnic tables.

Rita Holcome-Supports natural areas and the purchase of surrounding lands.

Ethel Luoto- Would like to see a multi-use facility in the south end of the City.

Mary Margrette-Foster Center requires additional staffing and all Centers should be open all summer long.

Rick Brigham-Expressed concerns for Fenner including renovation of the trail system, educational signage, linkage to the River Trail, and acquisition of adjacent property.

Geneva Wiskeman representing the Friends of the Turner-Dodge House. Spoke on the need for additional staff, continued restoration of the building, additional programming funds, and coordination with other historical groups.

Ed McCoughla-Feels that the new Senior Center should be located in the south end of the City.

Sherral Ronk-Would like to see the ice skating program continued and the rink

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covered to provide additional ice time.

Charles Casper-Supports the Turner-Dodge House and would like to see additional funding for programming, exterior renovations to stop damage, more promotions, and free programs when possible.

March 26, 1990, 12:15-3:30, Ottawa Tower of the State Office Complex.

Bette Downs- Finds the Turner-Dodge House a unique treasure and requires additional money for programming and staff.

Aileen Walsh- supports the facilities in the east side and would like to see more vendors at the City Market.

Paul Dykema-Would like to see an 8 year residential tree planing program requiring 6,000 more street trees and 10,000 more park trees. Increased tree maintenance to insure public safety. Also increased play ground programming as a deterrent for youth problems.

Russell Barnes-Expressed a need for noontime recreational activities including walk programs.

Howard Martin-Would like to see increased maintenance funding for the Potter Park Zoo.

Ina Martin- Expressed a need for increased restroom facilities and educational graphics for the Potter Park Zoo. Also additional security is needed.

Louise Peppel- Feels that the Turner-Dodge House requires additional staffing, more programming dollars, additional renovation, maintenance, and would like to see the River Trail extended to the House.

Glenn Allen-Supports the Turner-Dodge House and would like to see improved grounds maintenance, and access to the

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river behind the House.

Ken Gruber representing the Impression 5 Science Museum- would like to see improvements to Museum Drive including signage and flags, river bank improvements including plantings, and River Trail directional signage to the Museum.

Chris Nicholoff representing the Old Oakland Ave. Association- asked for improved neighborhood programs, downtown fitness opportunities, a concession at Westside Park, and a control for illegal parking in Westside Park.

Jack Burns representing the Turner-Dodge House spoke on the need for a commitment to Turner-Dodge from the City, a need for increased tourism awareness in general for the City, and the Department needs to give a better image that they do care about the facilities.

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City officials serious about fun

By KIMBERLY M. GAUDIN
Lansing State Journal

Fun and spontaneity don't go hand-in-hand in the Lansing Department of Parks and Recreation office.

In fact, fun is on a five-year plan.

Whether it's co-ed basketball, better-lighted baseball diamonds or more park benches at Potter Park Zoo, parks director Eric Reickel is hoping to find out what Lansing residents want from the parks system over the next half-decade.

Committees have gathered over the past few months to discuss everything from team sports to cemetery plots — all part of the department's domain.

The parks department has sent questionnaires to about 1,000 homes, asking citizens to grade the city on community centers, basketball referees, ice skating ponds, membership fees, handicapper accessibility — whatever comments people might have about recreation.

Mayor Terry McKane said in his Jan. 22 State of the City speech that he wants to ask voters to approve a millage for the war on drugs. Reickel is confident that part of that money would go toward an emphasis on leisure activity.

"A lot of people are not directed," Reickel said. "They don't know how to enjoy their leisure time. I'm not saying all of those are the ones that have problems with drugs, but it does make a difference."

But first he wants to know what Lansing people really want to do in their spare time.

A series of public hearings will be held throughout the city in early March to give people a chance to describe their fun-time needs.

The city has 113 parks and playgrounds, plus four golf courses and a full-time staff of 134.

Among Lansing's plus points are:

- One of the longest river trails in the nation.
- The title of Tree City for five consecutive years.
- All-American rose gardens.
- Potter Park Zoo, which serves school children from as far away as Petoskey.
- The City Market.

The latest trend in city sports is an increase in co-ed sports teams. About 30 women's sports teams have been dropped from the Parks program in recent years.

The city sponsors about 60 co-ed sports teams playing volleyball and softball.

Pam Blough, coordinator of the department's five-year plan, said people over 50 are putting high demands on the parks system, too.

"They're not playing board games and dominoes any more," Blough said. "Our seniors are more active — and they're retiring at a younger age and could use more to do. Our baby boomers are getting older, but they aren't slowing down."

Unfortunately, problems with parents haven't eased in Lansing either.

Reickel is hoping the five-year plan will include a solution to parents dropping off their children at a floor hockey game at 5:30 p.m. and not picking them up until 9 p.m.

"It's a big problem," Reickel said. "We get used as a baby-sitting service. Parents need to get involved."

Lansing State Journal/JAMIE SABAU

The floor hockey game at Rich Middle School Friday night was boys vs. girls. The Parks and Recreation Department sponsored the event.

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Parks officials want people's feedback for 5-year plan

Lansing State Journal

Lansing residents have a chance tonight to suggest ways to enhance Lansing's parks.

A public hearing on the Department of Parks and Recreation five-year plan is being held at the Lansing City Council meeting at 7 p.m. on the 10th floor of City Hall.

It's the first of five hearings to be held on the master plan for 1990-94.

Whether it's co-ed basketball, better-lighted baseball diamonds or more park benches at Potter Park Zoo, the department is hoping to find out what Lansing residents want from the parks system.

Other dates for public hearings are:

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Already, the parks department is looking for ways to increase co-ed sports teams. About 30 women's sports teams have been dropped from the parks program in recent years. The city sponsors about 60 co-ed sports teams in volleyball and softball.

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10 people speak out on parks plan

By KIMBERLY M. GAUDIN
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They called for repairs in the tennis courts, for senior citizen centers, for well-groomed golf courses, for a longer river trail and for removal of horseshoe pits.

About 10 citizens told the City Council on Monday night what they wanted from the Parks and Recreations Department.

The department is developing its five-year plan. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires the department to solicit ideas from city residents.

Moores Park in South Lansing needs a lot of work, said South Central Neighborhood Association spokeswoman Pat Murray.

"It's been let to run down," Murray said. "It's gone from a nice, well-used park to, in some cases, a shambles."

Murray said the tennis courts in the park were a disgrace and the horseshoe pits were a waste of city resources.

Janet Clark came in the name of southside senior citizens.

"It's getting harder and harder to find a convenient place for them," Clark said. "It's hard to find a place to park and hard to get there. We need a senior center on the south side of town."

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RESOLVED BY THE PARK BOARD

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Park Board is an advisory board as provided for in the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board is responsible for submitting advisory opinions to the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Five Year Master Plan for Parks and Recreation for 1990-1994 has been completed which includes a five year capital program; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board has reviewed the proposed capital improvements for the Parks and Recreation Department and recognizes the need for the renovation of the Parks and Recreation Department's facilities; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Lansing passed a 1.5 million dollar bond issue in 1984 for Potter Zoo which provided the first phase of improvements, including the new feline/primate house, and expires on June 30, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board is aware that the City Council has recommended a 2½ mill increase for renovation of infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, 1 mill of which is to go toward improvements at the Potter Zoo and other park facilities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Board supports the efforts by the City Council to earmark a 2½ mill tax rate increase for the renovation of Parks and Recreation facilities and other City infrastructure.

Barry Crown moved the Board approve the above resolution; seconded by Judith Filice. Motion carried (6-0).

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CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department has prepared a five year master plan, "A View To The Future, 1990-1994" outlining the department's major goals and objectives for the five year time period.

A public hearing has been scheduled for May 7, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, City Hall, 124 W. Michigan, Lansing, Michigan to receive public comment concerning the plan.

A copy of the plan is available for review at the Parks and Recreation Department, 4th Floor, City Hall, 124 W. Michigan, Lansing, Michigan. Additional information can be obtained by phoning Pamela Blough, Plan Coordinator, at 483-4277.

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REFERRED TO THE COMMITEE ON PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

H. May 7, 1990, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, City Hall, being the time and place set as the time for a public hearing on the proposed Parks & Recreation Department's Five Year Master Plan.

The Council President announced that if there was anyone present who had any suggestions or objections to make to the proposed Plan, they would have the privilege of speaking at this time.

Gary Andrews of 560 Brookland Blvd. stated that he did not feel citizen input was being used for the Five Year Master Plan and also felt that user fees should be assessed instead of increasing taxes.

Barry Crown, Chairman of the Parks Board, stated that the Plan received a lot of citizen input and that he felt it was a very well thought out plan. He urged support for the Plan.

Charles Jurasek of 3200 Reo Road spoke in favor of user fees instead of increasing property taxes.

One other speaker who did not sign in opposed the increased property taxes to support the Plan.

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Resolution # 231

By the Committee on Public Services

WHEREAS, since the early 1900's the City of Lansing has developed a series of Five-Year Plans serving to provide structure and direction to the development of Parks and Recreation facilities owned and operated by the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, the most recent Five-Year Plan expired on December 31, 1989; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive State of Michigan funds for parks and recreation projects a valid Five-Year Master Plan and Capital Improvement Project List must be on file with the State Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, a new Master Plan, entitled "A View to the Future," has been developed by the Parks and Recreation Department and approved by the Park Board; and

WHEREAS, the Council Committee on Public Services has received and reviewed the proposed City of Lansing Five-Year Master Plan covering the years 1990-1994.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a section be added to the Master Plan addressing the issue of security at all park facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that inclusive of the added section addressing the issue of security at park facilities, the City Council of Lansing hereby adopts the 1990-1994 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and authorizes the submission of this document to Tri-County Regional Planning and the State of Michigan.

By Councilmember Lindemann:

Carried unanimously; Councilmember Adado absent

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May 11, 1990

Mr. Philip Wells, Mgr., Recreation Planning
Recreation Services Branch
Recreation Division
P.O. Box 30028
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Mr. Wells:

Please find enclosed the final adopted Five-Year Recreation Plan "A View to the Future 1990-1994" for the City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department. We have spent considerable thought and effort in the preparation of the plan and feel that it will be a viable planning tool. The plan was formally adopted by the Park Board on May 3, 1990 and by the City Council after the Public Hearing on May 7, 1990.

If you have any comments or questions concerning the plan, please feel free to phone me.

Sincerely,

R. Eric Reickel
Director

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May 11, 1990

Mr. Jon W. Coleman
Executive Director
Tri-County Regional Planning
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Lansing, MI 48910

RE: Five Year Recreation Plan

Dear Mr. Coleman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan "A View to the Future 1990-1994" for the City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department. The plan was approved by the Park Board on May 3, 1990 and by City Council on May 7, 1990. The plan is being forwarded for your review and files.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the plan, please do not hesitate to phone me.

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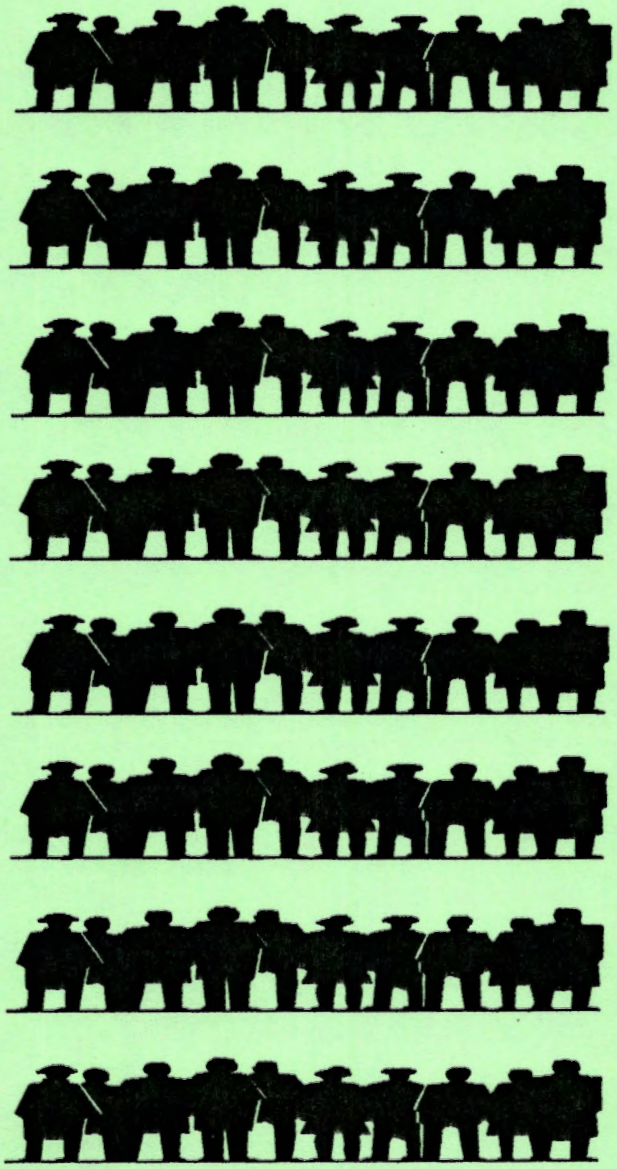
DEPARTMENTAL STRATEGY



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DEPARTMENTAL STRATEGY

The strategy of the Parks and Recreation Department is based on a Mission Statement supported by a series of goals and objectives. The Mission Statement contains guiding values that are utilized as a basis for departmental actions and employee direction in order to provide for the needs of the community. The Goals and Objectives act in support of the Mission Statement. They specifically state how the Department intends to carry out the accepted Mission. These statements are not intended to be all inclusive but are to act as a guide in understanding the role of the Department in the Lansing Community. In short, these series of statements will act as a road map for the Department's future actions. The development of the Action Plan which follows is to strive to fulfill the important Mission Statement in order to meet the needs of the Lansing Community.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Parks and Recreation Department is to enhance the quality of life through the preservation and maintenance of park lands, the provision of quality leisure time activities, and the provision of special facilities which would otherwise not be available to the Lansing residents.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

To preserve, maintain, and manage the park lands and facilities in order to provide for future generations.

-To provide systematic and effective maintenance.

-To routinely assess park lands for acquisition/expansion, disposal and/or leasing.

-To routinely assess park lands for current and future uses.

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To provide services of a heritage and educational nature that otherwise would not be available to the public and are unique to a community the size of Lansing.

-To maintain and operate the Potter Park Zoo, Fenner Arboretum and the Turner-Dodge House.

-To support educational opportunities in conjunction with each of these facilities in order to take full advantage of these unique opportunities.

To provide quality leisure time activities.

-To provide both passive and active programming for all ages of the population.

-To provide activity programming for special populations.

-To routinely assess current and future recreational trends and make adjustments to programs as needed.

-To provide assistance in programming public events otherwise not offered to the residents.

To assess and plan for the future of the Parks and Recreation Department on a continuous basis.

-To prepare long range plans based on projected user needs.

-To seek out funding to fulfill determined needs in order to complete plans and construct facilities.

To provide and maintain a Forestry Program for the purpose of street tree and park plantings for the beautification and environmental enhancement of the City.

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To provide programming and resources which enhance the economic base of the City through aesthetics and tourism.

-To provide special programming and activities which increase the number of visitors into the city.

-To provide special aesthetic and unique resources which attract visitors and provide economic growth.

To maintain and operate the Municipal Market as a service to both vendors and patrons.

To continue to maintain and operate the three City owned cemeteries.

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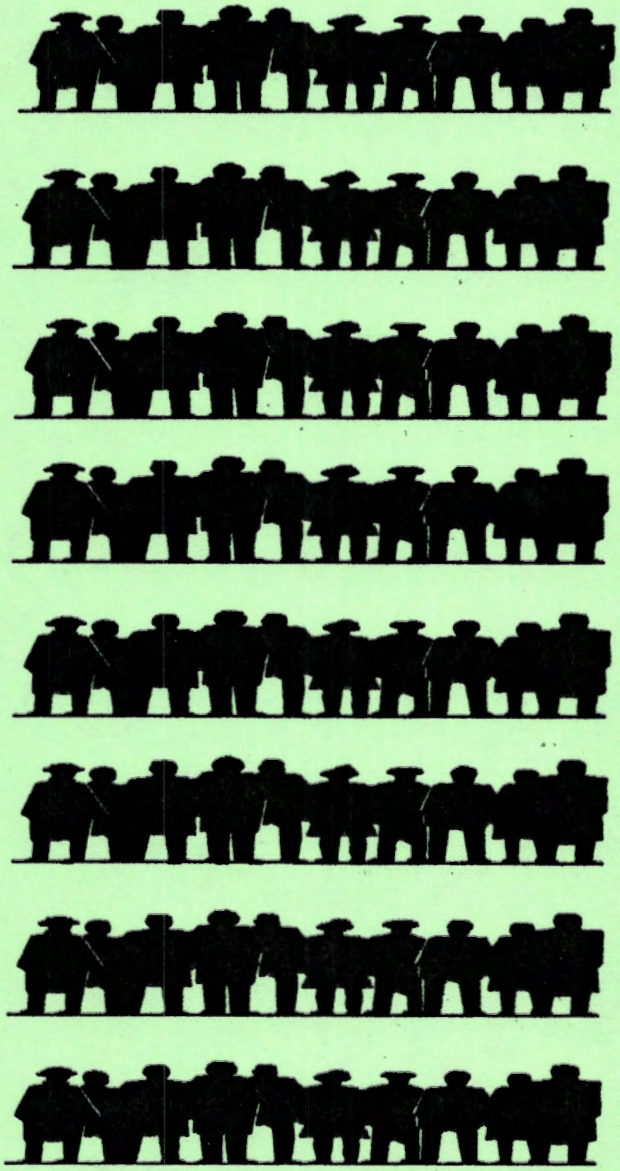
ACTION PROGRAM



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ACTION PROGRAM

This section of the plan will describe the expected trends and actions regarding the Department's programming and facilities. The Department seeks to maintain an overall comprehensive approach in providing both structured and unstructured recreational opportunities. A description of projected land holdings, acquisitions and disposal will first be discussed. This will be followed by a discussion on recreational as well as maintenance programming. Lastly, the proposed Five Year Capital Project List will be given and discussed.

LAND HOLDINGS, ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL

The Parks and Recreation Department has extensive land holdings which have been placed under the specific jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Department. Properties which fall under the Department's jurisdiction are properties specifically dedicated as a city park by Resolution of the City Council,(Sections 1020.03, and 8-403 of the City Charter under the definition given by the Michigan Constitution Art. 7, Section 23), parcels leased by the City and placed under the Department's jurisdiction, and properties for which future usage has not been specifically designated. Disposal of each of these types of properties requires unique criteria to be met for each type, (Section 208.10 of City Charter). Acquisition of parklands is through direct purchase, lease, acquisition due to back taxes, or through gifts to the City (Sections 208.02, 208.03, 208.04, 208.05, 208.06, and 208.07 of the City Charter).

Current land holdings are as given on the list directly following. They are given by dedicated park land, leased land, and additional land holdings. The name, address, and acreage are given for each of the parcels. Following this list is

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a short discussion concerning possible land acquisitions and disposal.

PARK NAME	ADDRESS	ACREAGE
Attwood	1001 Attwood	28.8
Averill	3111 Averill	8.0
Bancroft	1330 Otto St.	45.3
Bassett	1435 Bassett	4.0
Beck	401 W. Northrup	10.4
Bluebell	610 Bluebell St.	2.7
Burchard	220 E. Maple	5.2
Cavanaugh	501 W. Cavanaugh	25.0
Clifford	578 E. Mt. Hope	5.4
Cooley	225 W. Main	1.4
Crego	1600 Fidelity Rd.	200.7
Davis	5500 Pleasant Grove	41.8
Dietrich	1501 N. Grand River	5.0
Dodge	106 E. North	11.3
Dunnebacke	1001 Stanley St.	6.4
Durant	719 N. Washington	3.0
Edmore	408 Edmore	.4
Elm	330 Elm	5.6
Elmhurst	1715 Gordon	5.0
Everett Field	510 E. Holmes	3.0
Evergreen Cemetery	2600 E. Mt. Hope	104.0
Fenner Nature Ctr.	2020 E. Mt. Hope	126.0
Filley Park	313 Filley	2.2
Fine	4500 Glenburn Blvd.	35.8
Forest View	2116 Forest Rd.	8.1
Foster Community Center	200 N. Foster	2.3
Foster	2400 E. Kalamazoo	4.0
Frances	2701 Moores River Dr	57.8
Fulton	4300 Sheffield Blvd.	26.3
Georgetown	6300 Haag	11.2
Gier Park and Comm. Center	2400 Hall St.	36.5
Glen Eden	3001 Hamelon	3.0
Grand River	3005 W. Main	42.6
Grand River School	1200 New York	2.5
Graves	5918 Monticello	8.0
Groesbeck Golf Course	1600 Ormond	40.9
Hillborn	4225 Hillborn Lane	6.7
Holly	1825 S. Holly Way	5.0
Horsebrook	3360 N. Grand River	4.3
Hull Ct.	1530 Hull Ct.	1.3
Hunter	1400 E. Kalamazoo	14.0

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PARK NAME	ADDRESS	ACERAGE
Ingham	2920 Fauna	11.8
Irving	1400 Pennsylvania	.4
Jones Lake	701 Frederick	1.8
Kalamazoo Plz.	401 River St.	.4
Kaynorth	5441 Joshua	5.2
Kendon	800 E. Cavanaugh	5.6
Kimberly	1701 Chester Rd.	19.5
Larch	1041 N. Larch	.5
Lewton	2122 Lewton	1.7
Lyons	3000 Plymouth	5.0
Marscott	1720 Waycross	5.0
Marshall Field	800 June	11.4
McKinch	1825 Moffitt St.	5.5
Michigan Ave.	3300 W. Michigan	28.1
Miller Rd. Comm. Center	331 Miller Rd.	.3
Moores	400 Moores River Dr.	22.9
Mt. Hope Cemetery	1709 E. Mt. Hope	84.2
Municipal Fld.	301 Clippert	6.7
Munn	4901 Aurelius	14.4
North Cemetery	845 E. Miller	14.4
N. Logan Brdg.	1900 N. Logan	.4
Oak	601 Lesher Place	16.7
Ormond	1600 Sheldon	8.2
Osborn	2006 Osborn	.6
Pleasant View	4301 Pleasant Grove	7.4
Porter	1325 Whyte	10.7
Potter	1300 S. Pennsylvania	98.5
Poxson	600 S. Dexter Dr.	16.7
Priggooris	6582 Drumheller Rd.	263.0
Quentin	1600 Pattengill	10.7
Ranney Business Property	510 E. Michigan & 111 S. Cedar	.8
Ranney	3201 E. Michigan	19.1
Reasoner	1801 N. Washington	6.6
Red Cedar Bike Link (River Trail)		
Red Cedar Golf Course	125 S. Clippert	61.3
Regent	600 Regent	4.9
Reola	2618 Maplewood	.6
Reutter	400 S. Capitol	3.0
Risdale	4500 Pleasant Grove	17.6
Riverfront	201 E. Shiawassee	18.6
Riverpoint	915 Platt St.	4.3
Riverside	1248 Moores River Dr.	7.3
Riverstreet	515 River St.	4.7

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PARK NAME	ADDRESS	ACREAGE
St. Joseph	2125 W. Hillsdale	18.8
Scott Park & Center	125 W. Main	5.5
Scott Woods	2631 Clifton	87.4
Seventh	2323 Seventh	1.6
Shubel	1655 Lindburgh Dr.	55.6
Stabler	707 Allen	1.3
Stebbins River-walk	250 Museum Dr.	.3
Stroud	1520 E. Mt.Hope	.8
Sunset Hills	2200 Byrnes Rd.	.4
Sycamore	1415 S. Pennsylvania	.6
Sycamore Golf Course	1520 E. Mt. Hope	53.2
Tammany	2631 Canarsie St.	1.6
Tecumseh	2401 Tecumseh	39.0
Trager	1316 S. Pennsylvania	.6
Turner	1200 Turner	.04
Wainwright	4115 Stillwell	5.4
Waldo	565 Hunter Blvd.	.5
Washington	2516 S. Washington	43.4
Waverly Golf Course	3609 W. Saginaw	87.8
Wentworth	100 N. Grand	.9
Westside	801 Stanley	15.5
Willoughby	401 Willoughby	50.0
Wilson	3801 Wilson	4.9
Woodcreek	4130 Woodcreek Dr.	4.4

LEASED PARKS	ADDRESS	ACREAGE
Comstock	900 Daleford	8.2
Fairview	1101 Fairview	12.2
Ferris	500 Shiawassee	3.0
Groesbeck Golf Course	1600 Ormond	82.0
119th Armory	300 Horton St.	6.8
Woodman Path	1247 Holmes	1.2

OTHER PARCELS	ADDRESS	ACREAGE
Dexter Site	560 S. Dexter Dr.	1.4
Donora	1500 Donora	3.0
Foster Lots	500 S. Foster	1.4
Genesee	501 N. Butler	.4
Highway Parcel B	300 Dadson	12.1
Highway Parcel C	3001 Pine Tree	44.1
Highway Parcel D	3300 Pine Tree	39.0
Roosevelt	1558 Roosevelt	.2

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Paulson	943 E. Paulson	22.7
Willoughby	401 Willoughby	22.4

Also under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Department are park ways consisting of the grass plots in the public streets, avenues and boulevards.

As part of this plan, general considerations for areas of parcel disposal were studied. Parcels that were viewed as having little or no future value to the department were Donora, Priggooris, Willoughby, Highway Parcel C, Highway Parcel D, and the Paulson site. Further evaluation should be conducted on these parcels for future disposal. Monies acquired from disposal are to be used to further development on the current land holdings or in acquisition of additional more purposeful parcels of land as stated by the 1979 City Council Policy.

Additional land acquisitions were studied as well. These plans are very important as possible options on the land should be sought for future gain as well as identification of specific future usages and funding for the acquisitions. Acquisitions which are to be considered are as follows:

Groesbeck Golf Course: The land immediately north of Groesbeck and Bancroft Parks is currently owned by the Board of Water & Light. Acquisition would allow for further expansion of the Groesbeck Golf Course.

Crego Park: The land directly across the Red Cedar River from Crego Park is currently the Board of Water & Light lime pits which are slowly being removed. This land would be a nice addition to Crego Park and the River Trail.

Fenner Nature Center: As Fenner is the Department's main base of natural area within the park lands, preservation and expansion of this vital area is

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important. In order to accomplish this, the land directly south of Fenner, between the southern fence and Forest Rd. is currently vacant and should be acquired in order to protect the wetland environment in Fenner which extends onto the vacant property. Secondly, the property on the north side of Fenner between the entrance to Fenner running eastward along Mt. Hope Ave. to the entrance to Evergreen Cemetery currently held in private ownership should also be sought.

Scott Woods: Currently Scott Woods natural area fronts on a portion of a Solomon Gravel Pit. The additional land surrounding the group of water filled gravel pits should be considered for its future recreational value.

River Trail/River Frontage: In keeping with the City Master Plans, the Department will continue to acquire river front property to hold in public trust and develop for recreational purposes. This includes all river frontage within the City unowned by the City. In particular, lands located between Dietrich Park and Waverly Rd. to the north are of first priority. The Board of Water & Light property at the north end of Comfort on the Grand River should be investigated.

Downtown Business District: Open space in or adjacent to the Central Business District should be acquired in order to allow for additional green space in the urban environment and provide space for public programming for Lansing civic organizations. These parcels can also be used as staging sites for the many special events and rallies that are attracted to the State's Capital City. specifically, parcels at River St. and Kalamazoo St, Michigan Avenue and Cedar St., and west of Lansing Community College should be acquired.

Parking for Potter Park: Due to the increased popularity of the Potter Park

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Zoo, additional parking areas are required adjacent to the park as increased parking on the Potter site is not desirable to the park resource. Properties which must be studied for possible acquisition are the lots located just north of the railroad tracks on Pennsylvania Avenue.

COMMUNITY CENTERS

The Department currently staffs Foster Community Center, Gier Community Center, and Kingsley Community Center within the community. The locations of these Centers is shown on the map on page 117. Programming at the Centers is structured towards all ages from Pre-Schoolers to Seniors and are offered both on a drop-in or scheduled classes basis. Fees for the programs range from no cost to a very nominal fee.

Foster Community Center, a renovated elementary school, is the base office for all Life Time sports. League registrations, administration, and athletic field maintenance is based from this Center. The Lansing School District administers and staffs a branch public library from this Center. The library offers book and video lending as well as children's story time hours. The Center also includes several classrooms, a gym, and an outside children's play area. As the building is an old elementary school, the building requires continuous maintenance and will in the near future require a new heating system and gym renovations. Due to its age and present condition, Foster Center should be evaluated concerning its structural integrity and expected life concerning maintenance of the present facility or ultimate replacement.

Gier Center is located in the northern portion of the City within 36.5 acres of park land known as Gier Park. Gier Park serves as a neighborhood park as well as

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a site for softball league play with three lighted fields and a fourth junior field. In addition to regular programming, Gier Center participates in a Senior hot lunch program and the winter Saf-T-Hockey league.

Kingsley Community Center is located on property from redeveloped housing within a downtown residential area. Kingsley Center structures its programming toward the low income neighborhood population. Both structured programs such as dance classes, and drop in programs such as open basketball are offered.

Future needs which have been identified for the Community Centers include the increased need in youth programming for the ages of 12-22. Programming needs to focus on recreational leisure time activities as an alternative to idle destructive free time. Possibilities include air conditioning gyms to allow for summer usage, increased and later evening hours, and increased structured programming and special events.

A second area of concern is that of after-school and evening programming geared toward children of working parents. A need has been identified to provide supervised after school programming at the community centers or the neighborhood schools, in order to provide creative avenues in which the City's youth can exert their energies and develop creative, positive thought processes.

Thirdly, the need for a community center(s) located in the southern region of the city should be studied. The Survey, Committee Recommendations, and the Public Hearings all expressed a need for an additional community center(s) in the south end as well as additional indoor recreational opportunities such as swimming, tennis, and a track.

Each Community Center, especially Foster Center should be evaluated concerning its

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life expectancy and as to what renovations will allow for more effective usage of the centers in order to maximize the City's investment in the facility. In order to better serve the Community, an evaluation as to the possible usage of the neighborhood schools for possible recreation centers must be completed. Responses from the Parks and Recreation Public Survey, the Neighborhood Committee from this planning process, and citizen comments received at the Public Hearings have all supported the need and desire of additional neighborhood recreational programs.

SENIOR CENTERS

The Department provides Senior programming at each of its Community Centers as well as operates and staffs the Lansing Senior Center and the Miller Rd. Senior Center. Programming of these Centers is particularly based on the interests and needs of persons who are fifty years or older. Specifically, programming addresses activities, social events, health concerns, and information sought out by fifty-plus persons. As the "baby-boomers" mature and "early retirement" continues, the decade of the 1990's will show a substantial increase in the number of people over the age of fifty with available leisure time. This will affect the Department through an increase in the number of clients and the increased need for active programming for this segment of the population.

Currently the Lansing Civic Arena which houses the Lansing Senior Center, has been placed on the market for sale by the City. If sold, the Senior Center will be in need of a new location. An in-depth analysis needs to be performed in order to better determine the specific needs, geographics, and demographics of the senior population. The need for a new center should also address possible coordination to consider the needs for a south end community center and present

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indoor recreational needs of the Lansing community.

SPECIAL EVENTS

City-wide special events have developed into a major function in the Department's service to the community. The trend has established itself across the country as evidenced by scanning municipal promotion materials and program guides. In addition, the corporate world is recognizing the benefits of community and public relations by becoming involved and co-sponsoring city-wide events. This corporate interest in sponsorship of special community events must be nurtured and encouraged in order for the City to be able to continue to improve and expand the availability of family events and activities.

The **4th of July Celebration**, the Department's best attended event, offers diverse family activities for individuals of all ages. The **4th of July** program includes events such as concerts, children's activities, a parade with a community marching band, a celebrity softball game, food booths and fireworks which alone draw a crowd of 75,000 persons.

The **Greater Lansing Triathlon** is planned in cooperation with the Ingham County Parks Department, Mid-Michigan Track Club, Tri-County Bicycle Association and Sports Med Of Lansing General Hospital. The event drew 225 athletes in 1989 in nine different age groups.

Other special events include the popular **Victorian Family Christmas** at the historic Turner-Dodge House; the **Maple Sugar** and **Apple Butter** weekend festivals at the Fenner Nature Center; the **Spring Landscape Celebration** which offers the public information and advice on landscape design, pruning and planting demonstrations; the **Mayfest/Chocolate Event**, a family event, at the Turner-

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Dodge House featuring historic games, concerts, house tours and chocolate tasting; the **Winter Sports Equipment Sale**; and **Global Re-Leaf**, a national campaign that encourages citizens, churches, schools, businesses and neighborhood organizations to help our environment by planting trees.

Currently all of the special events could be enhanced by additional staffing, Department/Inter-Department cooperation and support, purchases or rentals such as permanent or portable stages for performances, public address systems, promotional materials, and an increase in marketing.

Additional special events which the Department participates in though offering support in staff time and materials include **Riverfest**, a Labor Day weekend event held in Riverfront Park, the **Lansing Art Festival**, held outdoors in the downtown business district, **Silver Bells in the City** to begin the December holiday season, and several special events at the Potter Park Zoo hosted by the Potter Park Zoological Society including the **Zoo Boo** at Halloween, **Christmas at the Zoo**, and **Clown Days** at the Zoo.

TURNER-DODGE HOUSE

The Turner-Dodge House is a nationally registered historic house under renovation. The House is staffed by the Cultural Arts Coordinator. The emphasis of programming is historic education through interpretive classes, tours, and day camps as well as cultural programs such as historic crafts, dance, and piano. The House also is the focus of special events such as the Victorian Christmas and special exhibits reflecting history and/or the arts. Over 25,000 persons annually enjoy the House though these programs annually. The House is available for private and non-profit group rentals for a fee. Projected needs

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for the House are a comprehensive Master Plan, continued restoration and site development, river bank restoration, as well as promotion of the historic site for educational purposes.

FENNER NATURE CENTER

Fenner Nature Center is the base resource for the Department's natural areas and environmental education. Fenner consists of a series of natural ecosystems, a nature center, and is staffed by the Department's Naturalist. Fenner offers both structured and unstructured nature orientated recreation. Programming specifically includes scheduled programs for over 7,000 school children a year, summer nature day camps, adult programs and special events such as Apple Butter in the Fall and the Maple Syrup in the Spring. Fenner is also open daily for self guided nature walks. Within the next five years Fenner is expected to continue to be involved in Global Releaf education as well as preservation of the environment. A Master Plan for education and development will need to be completed. Extensive renovation to the trails, infrastructure, and center based on the master plan will also be required.

POTTER PARK AND ZOO

Potter Park and Zoo is the most heavily visited facility operated by the Department. Yearly attendance has surpassed 380,000 visitors. The 129 acres of park land contains a portion of the River Trail, 3 picnic pavilions, a canoe rental, concession and the Potter Park Zoo. The Potter Park Zoo, a nationally accredited zoo by the AAZPA, contains over 120 species of animals. The park and zoo, both started in 1915 have been under going several renovation projects over the last six years. Continued renovation and expansion is required in order to provide for the

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expanded user group and in order to meet the current United States Department of Agriculture standards for animal handling required for the needed animal permits. A detailed list of proposed projects appear in the Capital Improvements Schedule. The Master Plan for the Zoo and Park was completed in 1983 and is in need of updating in order to reflect the current needs of the Zoo based upon increased attendance, animal husbandry, infrastructure, and projects priority needs.

Due to the increased popularity of the Zoo, parking on the site has become limited for the number of visitors. Future parking alternatives to be investigated are the use of the Board of Water and Light parking lot on weekends, and the purchase of the lots directly north of the railroad tracks on Pennsylvania.

Due to the increased incidents of animal abuse, vandalism, and break-ins, the need for increased security is of prime concern. Multiple solutions will be required including the appropriate number of personnel present on the grounds twenty-four hours a day.

The Zoo is additionally supported by the Potter Park Zoological Society. The Society employs a full-time education coordinator, an executive director, and a concessionaire, to support the overall education preservation, conservation, and recreation goals of the Zoo as well as provide fund raising and membership drives to support the growth and renovation of the Zoo. The Society also provides volunteer support for special events, educational programs for school groups, and an extensive summer Zoo School. The Society is currently researching the possibility of a major capitol fund raising campaign in order to further support zoo improvements.

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NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Current park land holdings offer a very diverse group of parklands each uniquely suited to different activities based on terrain, natural vegetation, size, context, and current facilities available. Considerable renovation to this vital infrastructure is required in the form of play equipment, play fields, roads, utilities, tennis courts, and park trees. Concentration and considerable funding will be required to return these parks to their original planned service level and beauty. Current Departmental goals for the neighborhood parks include the ability to provide regular routine maintenance on a daily basis. No additional neighborhood parks are planned at this time.

AQUATIC PROGRAMS

The Department operates two outdoor pool facilities at Moores and Hunter Parks. The pools are open approximately ten weeks each summer and offer recreational programming in the form of open swims, adult swims, handicapper swims, and lessons. Programming is under the direction of a full time staff member supported by summer seasonal pool staff.

Currently Moores Pool is in need of a structural review and evaluation due to its extended age, including recommendations concerning preservation of the current structure. Hunter Pool should be evaluated as to a possible location for a more modern swimming recreational experience. Possible modifications could include the addition of a water slide; a spray pool and water play area of 0" depth which gradually deepens and will allow an area for small children to play, parents to sit next to children in the water, and increased handicapper usage; and an expanded deck areas around pool which would allow for sun-bathing and an area where parents could sit and watch their children

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swimming. Both pools need to be assessed as to how they can offer modern and improved water play. Examples of such pool rejuvenation programs exist is several mid-western cities. Future programs must be directed toward attracting and increasing the number of users.

HANDICAPPER PROGRAMMING

The Department employs a full-time certified recreation therapist to develop and implement programs for the handicappers in the Greater Lansing area, as well as to act as a liaison to the Department to facilitate issues and concerns from the public. The programs offered range from youth through adult years. The programs target different age ranges and handicapping characteristics. Diverse programs offered include educational programs, day camps, cultural arts, and sport programs, each of which change quarterly to reflect the seasons. A wide variety of special events tailored specifically to the special populations are also held throughout the year. Needs for additional programming and facilities are expected to increase. 11.2% of the households responding to the survey felt that they have a household member who is handicapped.

All facility development and renovation currently addresses the needs of the handicapped in order to increase the number of Parks and Recreation facilities which are accessible to the handicapped. Many facilities have been greatly improved, but continued renovation to improve accessibility is still required. Support for continued renovation and new barrier-free developments can be found in the Parks and Recreation Survey Results and the Handicapper Committee Report.

WASHINGTON ICE RINK

The Department operates an outdoor

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artificial ice rink from Thanksgiving through the end of February at Washington Park. The rink provides an opportunity for recreational open skating, lessons, and hockey leagues. Additional recreational programs are also being considered for this facility.

Expected needs for the future include an expanded warming area and locker room facilities. Also the possibility of a roof addition over the ice rink like the facilities located in Traverse City and Albion should be studied in regards to reduced ice maintenance costs, an extended skating season, and a more dependable environment for league reservations and ice skating lessons which are often canceled due to the weather.

An assessment needs to be completed in order to analyze the expected future interest in additional ice skating opportunities in the Lansing area. Citizen interest in additional facilities and skating opportunities has been documented as part of the Parks and Recreation Department Survey and the Public Hearing Process.

GOLF COURSES

The Department owns and operates four golf courses. Groesbeck with 18 holes and Red Cedar, Sycamore, and Waverly with 9 holes each. The courses range in difficulty, care, and cost of play. It is the Department's goal to offer affordable golf at variable levels of difficulty.

Currently master plans for redevelopment are being prepared for Waverly and Groesbeck Golf Courses which include expanding Waverly to 18 holes with construction of a new clubhouse facility. Renovation of Groesbeck Club House to include indoor seating and winter use for cross-country ski rental and warming for the sledding hills open on the course.

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To be explored is the feasibility of a bond issue for the golf course renovations to be repaid by the golf revenues. Private developers have approached the Parks and Recreation Department with possible plans for an indoor practice facility under an inflated dome.

Programming for the courses include open rounds, reserved rounds, golf leagues, and special tournaments.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Historically, the summer playground programs, which are currently called "Kid's Camps," were the model for other cities throughout the State. In the 1970's and early 1980's, the City offered 69 summer neighborhood park site programs structured for the ages of 5-16. The programs were offered Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 8:30 P.M. Each site was staffed with two leaders. Specialists in the areas of crafts, sports, and special events planned and coordinated activities for the 69 sites throughout the summer. Economic recessionary conditions of the early 1980's resulted in the decisions to reduced the number of sites to the present day 11 sites.

Presently, the City offers 11 neighborhood sites which are staffed four days a week from 10-4 P.M. The Neighborhood Park Program Five Year Plan Committee comprised of neighborhood association representatives expressed a real need to provide for additional neighborhood programming. The committee identified several neighborhood sites which they feel need a summer recreation program for the youth, including teens. In addition, the committee identified a need for mobile recreation programs targeted for neighborhoods without access to city parks due to distance and/or major street boundaries. Other summer needs addressed from the community were an indoor aquatic program in the schools,

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teen activities, year-round community center for south Lansing and a transportation program to the community centers.

Citizen requests for additional programming within the neighborhoods were also clearly expressed within the Parks and Recreation Resident Survey and the series of public hearings. Additional recreational programming within the centers and neighborhood parks must be reevaluated as a possible deterrent to youth problems, as well as increasing the overall quality of life for the Lansing residents.

COMPETITIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL SPORTS

Currently the Department plans and programs eight (8) different sports in over 175 leagues for adults and youth. Leagues are very diversified and geared to all levels of competition; starting with T-Ball (instructional) up to those teams that want to vie for National Championships. Leagues are offered for men, women, co-ed and/or youth, in the following activities: Basketball, Softball, Volleyball, Soccer, Tennis, Baseball, Floor Hockey and Football.

Future trends in competitive and instructional sports will be in co-ed activities and soccer. For the last five (5) years, women's leagues have declined steadily, while co-ed has increased five fold. Soccer will continue to expand, not only youth, but adult as well. Other cities have already started adult leagues. Lansing has a non Parks and Recreation women's league of nine (9) teams, but as of yet, no men's leagues.

MUNICIPAL MARKET

The historic Lansing "City" Market is administered by the Department staff.

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The market is located along the River Trail in downtown. The Market provides retail space at a modest rate for various vendors. Products available often include farm produce, meats, cheeses, bakery goods, flowers, and various handicrafts. The Market is enjoyed by downtown business persons, tourists, and residents. The Market is currently under renovation in order to meet State of Michigan Department of Agriculture regulations for the sale of contaminative foods, as well as to modernize the 1930's facility. The Market currently requires additional marketing and advertising in order to increase the awareness of Lansing residents as to what the Market has to offer.

FRANCES PARK AND ROSE GARDEN

Frances Park is located on the Grand River along Moores River Dr. just east of Waverly Road. The park facilities currently include a formal rose garden, recognized as an All-American Rose Garden by the American Rose Society which includes an overlook over the Grand River, a pavilion with restrooms, large picnic areas, play equipment, and a large open play space which can accommodate multi-uses. The park is currently used extensively for weddings in the garden and overlook and large group picnics. The future goals for the park are to maintain the garden current or better standards, provide replacement of plant materials where required due to age, encourage the continued planting of the recently started Memorial Tree Grove along the park drive, as well as continued overall quality maintenance.

SCOTT HOUSE AND COOLEY GARDENS

Recently both the Scott House and Cooley Gardens have enjoyed renewed attention and appreciation. Currently the Scott House is used by several local clubs as a meeting location. This usage is

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expected to continue. The Department will continue to renovate the House in order to return the House to its original appearance and beauty. These renovations will allow the House to be better programed and provide an additional meeting location for City Staff and Civic Organizations.

Cooley Gardens is currently being cleaned and rejuvenated with the goal being to return it to its original beauty. Extensive work has been completed concerning bed cleaning, plant pruning, and replanting. The river bank behind the Scott House which was once carefully planted and cared for as gardens by the original residents is also being rejuvenated. The Department will continue to work in conjunction with the Michigan Women's Historical Center, located adjacent to the gardens, to maintain the Scott Center Complex and Cooley Gardens to provide the maintenance care required for the facility, grounds, and garden.

RIVER TRAIL

Currently the 4 1/2 mile River Trail extends from Dietrich Park in the north to Aurelius Rd. in the eastern region of the City. The trail provides linear recreational opportunities along the Grand and Red Cedar Rivers for bicyclists, joggers, and walkers. The Trail interconnects a series of facilities such as tennis, Riverfront Park, the City Market, the Capitol Arboretum, Impression 5 Science Museum, R.E. Olds Science Museum, the Lansing Center, the Turner-Dodge House, the Brenke Fish Ladder, and the Potter Park Zoo. The immediate goal of the Trail Master Plan is to complete the connection to the campus of Michigan State University. Future plans include continuing the path northward from Dietrich to Waverly Rd., completion of the Trail on the western side of the river through the downtown business

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district, and westward from the Riverpoint to Waverly Rd. past Cooley Gardens and the Scott House and through Moores Park.

FORESTRY PROGRAM

The City of Lansing has been named an "All American Tree City" by the National Arbor Society for five years consecutively. The Forestry Division is responsible for all street trees located between the curb and sidewalk as well as trees on all public and park lands. This adds up to an estimated 120,000 trees cared for by the Division. Forestry currently maintains nurseries, tree installation, tree maintenance, tree hazard reduction, emergency response, and tree removal. Future focuses are participation in Global Releaf and tree maintenance to prolong tree life. Forestry provides a major impact in the quality of life and City beautification as "Trees are the City."

PARK SECURITY

To insure a safe and enjoyable experience for visitors to the parks and recreational facilities, the Department maintains a park police force made up of Lansing Police Officers. The officers answer citizen calls in regards to incidents in the parks, provide crowd control at the various special events, and are responsible for the mounted horse patrol. In order to continue to provide a safe recreational environment, it is imperative that the Park Security Unit be maintained at no less than its current staffing level. The construction of a horse facility within the Parks system will allow for more efficient use of officer time resulting in an increased service level to the residents.

CEMETERIES

The Department will continue to maintain

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Mt. Hope, Evergreen and North Cemeteries. Burials are expected to decline in Mt. Hope and North as lots are filled. The cemetery infrastructure requires evaluating in terms of fencing, waterlines, and continued road maintenance. Expansion of Evergreen Cemetery may be necessary within the next five years.

OAK PARK FIELD OFFICE COMPLEX

The Oak Park Complex currently houses the service garages for most Department vehicles and equipment, division offices for Forestry and Grounds and Landscape Maintenance, and material storage, as well as a work base for the majority of the persons employed in Field Services. This facility is currently in need of replacement due to the deteriorated condition of the buildings, inefficient work conditions, and the need for increased worker safety. The Board of Water and Light is expected to make an offer to purchase the Oak Park site in order to construct a downtown station to replace the Ottawa St. Station. If this occurs, consolidation of department maintenance crews and facilities, a new location for the Field Services Administration, and Garage Functions will need to be found and buildings built or renovated to replace the current facilities.

PRIVATIZATION

Opportunities must be studied in order to determine where private individuals and firms can offer the public better quality reasonably priced recreational services than a City agency. This shift to privatization will provide additional recreational opportunities for the Lansing community which are regulated by the Department while allowing the Department to focus on programs and facilities in which it can provide better opportunities than the private sector.

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Examples of privatization already exist with the Potter Park Canoe Rental and the operation of park concessions by Advisory Groups.

REVENUE PRODUCING FACILITIES

In order for the Department to continue to offer quality up-to-date programming it is becoming increasingly necessary to look toward privatization as well as revenue producing facilities and activities in order to continue to be able to maintain current facilities and programming. Trends toward revenue producing activities have been increasing within the recreation industry. In order for public entities to continue to grow and expand, additional funding must be acquired in order to staff and program the facilities. The City has experienced a reduction in federal funding support during the same period in time that new mandated programs must be implemented. This coupled with increased costs associated with operations has resulted in reduced services in many General Fund programs throughout the City. Continually the Department is being forced to reduce programming, not program, or provide inadequate maintenance. Revenue producing facilities will allow the facilities to be self-supporting without causing a further demand on the General Fund.

DOWNTOWN CAPITAL PARK COMPLEX

It will be important for the Parks and Recreation Department to continue to participate in the development of the Capital Park Complex and its expanded impact on the immediate downtown areas. The Department's involvement in the renovation of Ruetter, Durant, Ferris, and Wentworth Parks within the downtown area will play an important part in the extension of the Capital Park concept into the downtown business district.

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WATER FUN PARK

The usage of Crego Park for a possible location of a Water Fun Park should be studied. This facility could provide year round recreational opportunities for the City's residents. The park would be revenue producing in order to be continually self-sustaining. Possible facilities which could be included in the development are swimming in Fidelity Lake, water slides, a 0" depth spray and play area, a wave pool, Tennis Center, outdoor Basketball Center, winter ice skating, and cross country skiing. Revenue bonds or privatization are possible sources of funding.

TENNIS CENTER

Continual interest exists for the establishment of a tennis center. This facility could be indoor, outdoor, or both. The facility would allow for staffing which would enable the Department to offer recreational tennis leagues, tournaments, tennis lessons, and reserved court time. Presently an insufficient number of courts are located at any given site in order to effectively offer these areas of programming. This facility as well could be revenue producing to aid in off-setting the costs of staffing and maintenance.

BASKETBALL CENTER

The development of a Basketball Center, much like the above described Tennis Center, should be investigated. A Basketball Center will provide recreational opportunities for all ages with the most important emphasis on badly needed youth and teen recreation. The center would be programmed for instruction, league play (mens, women's, co-ed, teens, and youth), reserved court times, as well as courts available for pick up ball.

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ADVENTURE GOLF

The construction of an Adventure Golf Course would allow the Department to offer an additional family and youth based activity to the community. This facility could be constructed via privatization or revenue bonds which would be repaid by the fees collected. This is an emerging trend for recreational departments to offer family and teen based recreational opportunities at a reasonable fee. A possible location for this facility would be Ranney Park, however a thorough study would be completed prior to site selection.

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

The Capital Improvement Schedule, which follows, is a list of the Department's first priorities to be completed. One should be aware that this list is not an all encompassing list, but rather is viewed as the highest priority items which can reasonably be completed within a five year period of time, considering possible available funds. This list also does not include required repair and maintenance projects that will be included in the yearly General Fund budget requests. From time to time within the next five years the list will require reevaluation and projects added as projects are completed. The given list of projects is given randomly. There is no prioritization based on listing order, as all projects on this list are considered number one priorities.

Immediately proceeding the project list, on page 103, is the Proposed Development Projects map which depicts the park locations for the various development projects

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE
PROPOSED PROJECTS 1990-1994

FACILITY	YEAR	ESTIMATE & SOURCE (IN THOUSANDS OF $)
POTTER PARK ZOO		
1. Large Pavilion	1990-91	$360 DNR Bond/City
2. Restroom/Concession	1990-91	$381 DNR Bond/City/Other
3. Farm Yard Exhibits	1990-91	$275 City/Other
4. Macaque/Small Animal	1991-92	$1,700 Other
5. Black Rhino Exhibit	1990-91	$60 City
6. Admin. & Education	1993-94	$1,300 City/Other
7. Pony Ride	1993-94	$44 Other
8. Erosion Control	1994-95	$500 City
9. Park Police Horse Barn	1990-91	$ City
MOORES PARK Renovate pavilion and shuffleboard, restroom facility, pave parking lots, improve play areas, topsoil and seed, replace tennis courts.	1990-91	$360 DNR Bond/City
GROESBECK GOLF COURSE		
1. Master Plan	1990-91	$15 Special State Appropr.
2. Landscaping	1990-91	$12 State Equity Funds
3. Club House Renovation	1991-92	$453 City
4. Entrance Acquisition	1990-91	$22.5 Special State Appropr.
5. Entrance Drive	1992-93	$175 DNR Bond/City
6. Pave Parking Lot	1993-94	$65 DNR/City
7. Upgrade greens, tees, and fairways.	1994-95	$1,100 G.O.Bonds
FENNER ARBORETUM Pave gravel parking lots, trail renovation including a barrier free trail with interpretive signage, and main floor exhibit renovation with interpretive signage.	1991-92	$250 MNRTF/City
TURNER-DODGE HOUSE		
1. Master Plan	1990-91	$70 Special State Appropr.
2. Landscaping, irrigation arbor, pave parking lot, and exterior renovations.	1992-93	$480 City
3. Building and site renovations.	1991-92	$70 Special State Appropr.

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FACILITY	YEAR	ESTIMATE & SOURCE (IN THOUSANDS OF $)
WASHINGTON PARK		
1. Expand warming area and construct large picnic pavilion.	1992-93	$210 MNRTF/City
2. Cover existing ice rink	1994-95	$320 City
COMMUNITY CENTERS		
1. Air condition gyms at Foster, Gier, and Kingsley Centers.	1990-91	$140 City
2. Southend Community Center Feasibility Study.	1989-91	$44.6 City
3. Southend Community Center.	1993-94	$ City/Bond/Sr. Center
TENNIS COURT REPLACEMENT/REPAIR		
1. Replace (3) courts at St. Joseph and Ranney, Replace (2) courts at Riverfront and Clifford.	1992-93	$200 DNR Bond/City
2. Repair fencing at Elm-hurst, Dunnebacke, Lyons, and Quentin.	1993-94	$16 MNRTF/City
DAVIS PARK		
1. Light & fence Diamond #3.	1990-91	$65 Softball/Davis Trust
2. Score boards at three diamonds, walk to Diamond #3, improve bleacher facilities.	1994-95	$81 City
RIVER TRAIL		
1. E. Grand River to Turner-Dodge House	1992-93	$600 MNRTF/City
2. Burchard Park to E. Grand River Ave.	1989-90	$360 MNRTF/City
3. Under N. Grand River to Dietrich Park.	1990-91	$160 MNRTF/City
4. Spring St. to Wash-ington St.	1991-92	$460 MNRTF/City
5. Dietrich Park to Consumers Power	1993-94	$900 MNRTF/FAUS/City
6. Clippert to MSU	1994-95	$600 Special State Appropr.

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TREE PLANTING/PARK BEAUTIFICATION	1992-93	$300	LWCF/City

FACILITY	YEAR	ESTIMATE & SOURCE (IN THOUSANDS OF $)
RUETTER PARK Renovation of walks, fountain, landscaping, irrigation, new entrances, and site furnishings.	1992-93	$200 City
WAVERYLY GOLF COURSE Redevelopment and expansion of course to 18 holes.	1991-92	$2,000 G.O. Bonds
SOFTBALL COMPLEX Construction of four diamond lighted complex.	1995-96	$ City
SCOTT HOUSE RENOVATION Renovation of historic building and grounds.	1993-94	$300 City
FRANCES PARK		
1. Storage Garage	1990-91	$50 City
2. Pavilion and over-look restoration and pave parking lot.	1994-95	$245 City
CEMETERIES		
1. Restore ornamental fence at Mt. Hope.	1993-94	$180 City
2. Replace waterline system in Mt. Hope.	1992-93	$80 City
3. Renovate pond in Evergreen.	1992-93	$85 City
PLAY EQUIPMENT Replacement in multiple neighborhood parks.	1990-91 1991-92	$120 City $120 City
DURANT PARK Master Plan, irrigation site furniture, fountain, and plantings.	1994-95	$190 City
PAVEMENT REPAIRS	1992-93	$250 City

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Repair of asphalt and
concrete pavements at
various sites.

LIGHT WESTSIDE PARK
BALL DIAMONDS 1992-93 $160 City

FACILITY	YEAR	ESTIMATE & SOURCE (IN THOUSANDS OF $)
MUNICIPAL BALL FIELD Restroom and Concession Building and pave parking lot.	1994-95	$190 City
RIVERFRONT BAND SHELL	1993-94	$175 City
RANNEY PARK Construction of Ball Diamond No. 2.	1993-94	$90 Trust

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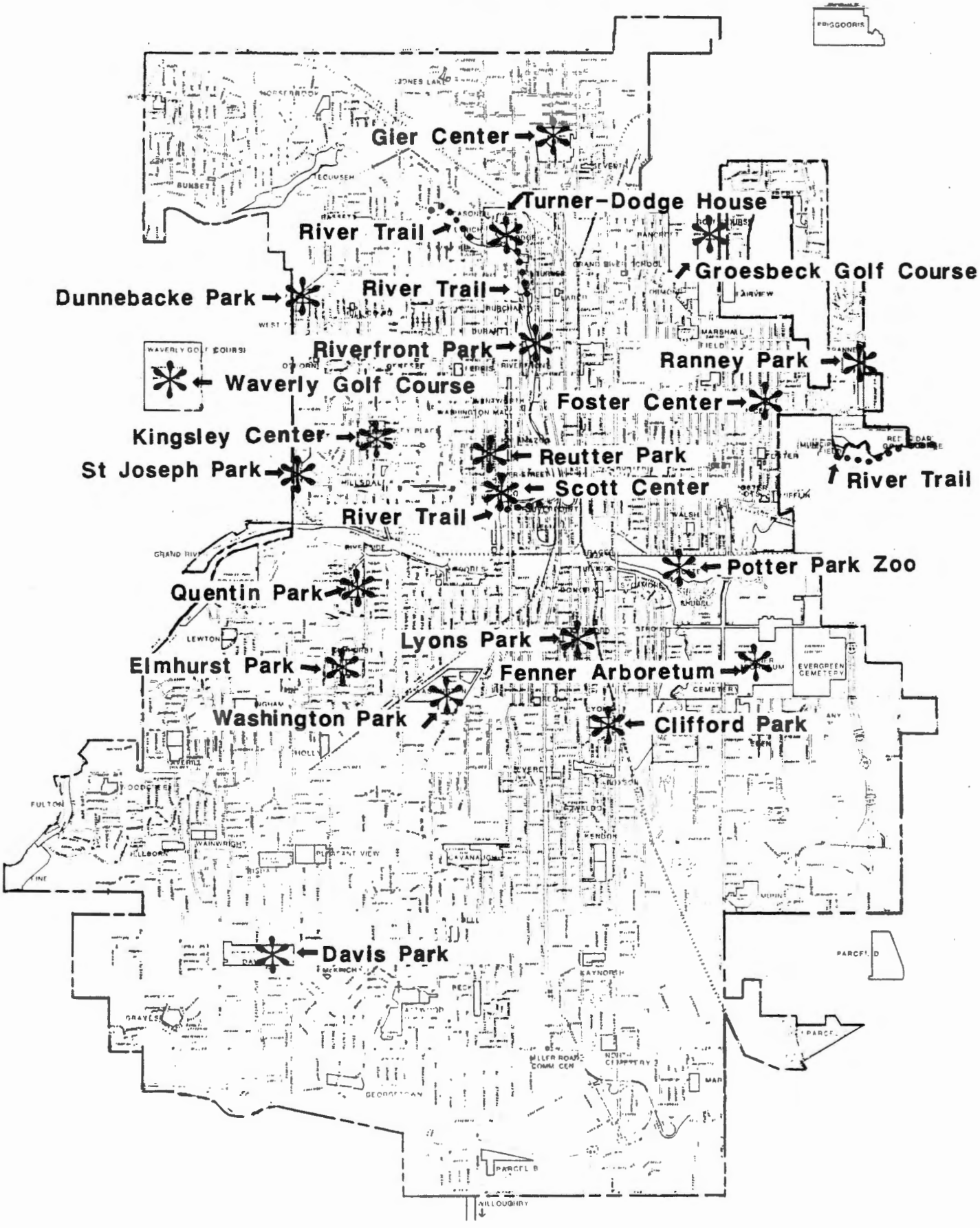
Proposed Development Projects



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PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

POTTER PARK AND ZOO

Potter Park and Zoo is annually visited by over 380,000 people. The park and zoo service the Mid-Michigan region as the only zoo within a 75 mile radius, a favorite picnic spot with three large pavilions, and one-half mile of the several mile River Trail pathway system that soon will link with the Michigan State University Campus. The park and zoo, originally developed in 1915, is in severe need of renovation.

The **large pavilion** built in 1921, is a two level facility with a covered indoor picnic area on the upper level, and restrooms and service areas on the lower level. Groups may reserve the pavilion between early May and mid October (average 168 days). In 1989 the pavilion was rented every day, with a total of 183 large group uses. Currently the pavilion requires a major renovation including barrier free restrooms, barrier free access to upper level, a new roof, storm water control, and interior and exterior painting among other improvements. In spite of its popularity, the building, is severely limited in its use due to the overall poor condition of the restroom facilities and lack of barrier free access to the upper levels. The restrooms located within a couple hundred feet of the River Trail are the only facilities on the River Trail between Michigan State University and downtown Riverfront Park.

The **Farm Yard Exhibits** currently contain a large stone foundation barn and six domestic animal species such as sheep, ponies, and Mexican burros. The barn ends are in need of repair and repainting. The exhibits which are several years old and primarily

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constructed of wood have deteriorated due to age and animal use and do not meet the USDA standards for animal handling. The renovation of these areas would refurbish the barn exterior, and renovate the animal exhibits to include a new animal petting area, and educational area for outdoor public education and domestic animal areas. The purpose of these exhibits will be to demonstrate man's interdependence with domestic animals. This area in particular will be a special attraction for the children who visit the zoo as part of their classroom experiences. During one twenty day period in 1989 over 13,000 school children visited the zoo from 71 different school districts, with classrooms and scouts being scheduled for tours at a rate of five per week.

Recently Tombi, the elephant, left the Potter Park Zoo to join a herd of elephants at the Indianapolis Zoo. Tombi was reaching maturity, and socialization with other elephants was important in order for her to develop healthy adult relationships. Therefore the elephant building became empty. A new **Black Rhino Exhibit** is planned for the facility and is expected to open in June of 1990 after renovation and modernization. Black Rhinos are the most endangered land animal with an average of one being lost to poachers every single day. Potter Park has joined with other zoos around the world in an effort to breed the rhinos already living in zoos with the long range hope of reintroducing them into safe preserves back in Africa. The building requires a new roof, exterior painting, interior renovation of animal holding areas and mechanical systems, exterior yard renovation and interpretive educational graphics. These renovations will be required to keep the building and exhibit operable and meet the USDA animal handling standards, as well as Species Survival Plan

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Requirements for endangered animals.

Currently the Zoo is serviced by two very small and old restroom facilities, neither of which is barrier free. These facilities are grossly inadequate for the annual crowds that visit the zoo, in particular the estimated 5000 per day during May which includes mostly school children and many handicapped visitors. The Zoo is visited almost daily by special groups such as senior citizens, School for the Blind, City of Lansing Handicapper Programs, special session of Zoo School for the handicapped, and Beekman Center. Currently these groups must travel almost one-half mile to the front of the park to use the pavilion restrooms. These problems can be resolved by the construction of the new **Restroom/Concession Building and Outdoor Plaza**. The new restroom facilities will be located in the central core of the zoo and replace the two old facilities currently in use. It will contain expanded facilities, barrier free accommodations, and be easily accessible to all Zoo visitors. In addition, the facilities will be easier to maintain. The other half of the facility is to house the concession area. This will also place the concession in the central area of the Zoo and will serve the visitors better and provide for easier and better food service. All proceeds are used toward bettering the Zoo and educational programs. The development will also include a seating plaza for patrons to use and enjoy the animals.

Currently several **Small Animal Moated Exhibits** exist in the north eastern portion of the Zoo. These exhibits are limited as to the species that can be exhibited due to the deterioration of the exhibits and animal holding areas. The renovated exhibits will include animals from Asia, North America, and African continental areas with an emphasis on

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cold weather animals to maximize winter viewing by visitors. Free form cages are to be added above the exhibits to house different types of large birds from each of the continents. The renovation will also include new pedestrian areas and interpretive signage. The major emphasis is to demonstrate that Asia, South America, and North America all have indigenous cold weather animals. The renovation also will bring the exhibits up to the current USDA standards.

Also a part of the renovation will be "Monkey Island," long a favorite of Zoo visitors. Improvements are necessary to improve keeper safety and to correct problems resulting from over 50 years of animal wear. Currently no barrier free or small children viewing exists due to a four foot high stone wall that encircles the island. The renovation will provide for an exciting **Japanese Snow Macaque Exhibit** where the Macaques will enjoy the Michigan winters much as they do in the mountains of Japan. Renovations will include the construction of a new animal holding building to improve keeper safety and meet USDA standards, restoration and expansion of the water moat, improved viewing and pedestrian areas, and interpretive signage.

Much needed developments are the new **Educational Facilities, Entry Plaza and Offices.** Currently no formal entry exists into the Zoo other than a gate in the chain link fence. The educational programs, funded and staffed by the Zoological Society currently meet in a small renovated pavilion. Expansion of the programs has been limited due to inadequate classroom space. Zoo offices are basically inaccessible to persons unless they park their vehicle and walk through the Zoo to the current offices. The current office building is extremely small, provides no space for the

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Zoological Society staff, and the building itself is in need of major renovations including a new roof.

The construction of the entry facilities will solve all of the above problems. The new educational building will provide additional classroom space, a room to hold lectures and special programs, as well as office space for education personnel. This will greatly enhance the zoo's ability to accomplish its primary objective of education. The administration offices located at the Zoo entrance plaza. This will greatly enhance the services offered to the public as well as provide the needed office space to operate the business functions of the Zoo. Additional restroom facilities will be incorporated into the entry plaza. The entry plaza itself will provide an inviting atmosphere to the public as well as an area of orientation to the visitors.

The current **pony ride** is an old circle ring with ponies attached who walk around the center post. The new pony ride will provide for a free reined pony ride by the child between fences on either side to guide the pony around the loop. The child may be escorted by a parent. The pony ride is an excellent opportunity for a child to have a one-on-one experience with an animal.

MOORES PARK

Moores Park located in south central Lansing, on the Grand River, was deeded to the City of Lansing in 1908 by J.H. Moores and has served the residents since with a pavilion, swimming pool, play fields, fishing areas, tennis, basketball and shuffleboard areas. The park also serves the Moored Park Elementary School as their play area.

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The pavilion restoration and new restroom facilities, (currently no restrooms exist), will be the first steps toward making the park once again a vital picnic spot. The department's pavilion rentals at both Frances and Potter Park are booked yearly to near capacity demanding an additional site for pavilion rentals. The restrooms are also badly needed to support the shuffle board club comprised mainly of senior citizens and the ever growing fishing crowd and spectators that approach 300 persons daily in the fall.

The shuffleboard courts are faithfully used by the Lansing Shuffleboard Club as their home courts. The shuffleboard courts, built in 1962 are in need of basic renovation work due to age. Work will include replacement of under drains, walks, fencing and re-coating of the play surface.

Currently a large gravel parking lot and drive exists beside the river at the west end of the park. The lot is designed to accommodate 72 cars. The lot is the main lot for off-street parking and is used daily by people fishing, canoeists, picnickers, pool users, as well as general park visitors. The work will include the installation of proper storm drainage, base preparation, paving, striping and signage.

The play areas within the park not only serve the park's visitors, but also the 200 children who attend Moores Park Elementary School immediately adjacent to the park. The park is the sole play area for the school. In the last two years the majority of the play equipment that was in the park has been removed due to equipment deterioration and user safety. These funds will provide new play equipment at the east and west ends of the park.

Work will include topsoiling and

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reseeding all lawn areas within the park. After years of use most areas within the site require additional topsoil and new seed to renovate the lawn and protect the site from further erosion. Further erosion can result in significant soil loss and root damage to the site's canopy tree cover.

The current tennis courts are an asphalt surface placed over old concrete courts. Reflective cracking has resulted making the courts unplayable. The courts serve both the neighborhood and elementary school. This work will include removal of the existing two courts and replacement with two new asphalt courts.

GROESBECK GOLF COURSE

Groesbeck Golf Course, an 18 hole course was constructed in 1923 as a municipal course. Rounds of golf played in the 1988 season totalled over 57,500 9 hole rounds, including hosted 9 tournaments and 10 leagues with 500 participants. The course, along with the department's three other courses, provides the area's residents with a reasonably priced golf experience. In order to continue to offer the reasonable rates the course is looking at means to increase revenues to help offset the rising course maintenance costs. Revenues can be increased by increasing concession sales and the number of rounds played. The first step in the renovation process will be the development of the Master Plan to identify a new entry and parking layout, improved course layout, and landscaping. This master plan will be the base preliminary design for the additional design drawings.

Renovations to the Club House are required to provide for better concession services which will increase sales,

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attract additional league play, tournaments, outings, and year round use of the facility by eventually offering cross country skiing in the winter. Additionally the restrooms will be renovated and expanded. Currently only one stall is available for women making it almost impossible to attract women leagues, tournaments, and outings. Also the restroom facilities and the main level of the building are not barrier free which will also be corrected when the current facilities are renovated.

New landscaping on the course is planned as part of the revitalization of the course. The landscaping will be used to increase player safety at tees and greens, define fairways, and improve the appearance of the course.

The existing parking lot will be improved with storm drainage and asphalt paving to provide parking for 150 cars.

A master plan for the renovation of the Groesbeck Golf Course tees, fairways, and greens is near completion at the time of the preparation of this plan. The master plan provides for the renovation of the present course layout to provide for more challenging play and increased safety for the golfers using the course. These renovations will also allow the course to generate additional revenues through the increase in the number of rounds of golf played yearly.

FENNER NATURE CENTER

Fenner serves the Lansing community as a nature center. The facilities include a Nature Center with a naturalist staff member, trail system, ponds, a group campsite for youth organizations and picnic area. In 1988 Fenner had an estimated 9,000 people attend the special events of Apple Butter and Maple Syrup

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weekends, 8,200 school children attend special programs, and additional 3,000 visitors attend special programs, as well as visitors enjoying non-programmed activities such as bird watching and nature walks. Fenner, acquired in 1954, is in serious need of interpretive signage and exhibits both within the Center, and along the trails. Although barrier free access has been added to the Center as well as a barrier free unisex restroom, currently none of the path way system is barrier free.

Currently two major **parking lots** are gravel. These lots will be paved with asphalt to provide a more enjoyable and easier maintained parking for 65 cars. These spaces are especially used during the special events of Sugar Bush and Apple Butter, as well as high usage times in the spring and fall.

The renovation of the **trailway system and new interpretive graphics** will provide for a barrier free trail loop as well as restoration of the remaining trails based on a new trail plan that will better interpret the natural features of the site. New directional and interpretive signage will be developed to be used by self-guided visitors in order to inform and educate them on natural/environmental themes.

The **renovation of the interior exhibit areas** of the Nature Center will allow for modern exhibits on current environmental themes and concerns. The renovations will include new exhibits, displays, and interpretive information to support the exhibits. As the building is barrier free and a new barrier free trail will be built, new educational programs for the handicapped will be available to the special populations.

Additional needs of Fenner not covered under the project estimate include

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renovation of the park entrance to increase visibility including directional and entrance signage to direct the people to the park, as well as future replacement of the perimeter chain link security fence.

TURNER-DODGE HOUSE

The Turner Dodge House, a nationally registered historical building, serves as a center for historical and cultural events. The building is used for docent guided educational tours, special events providing historical insights, the Time Travelers summer day camp, and as a location for cultural programming such as ballet and art classes. The original portions of the house built in 1858 served over 25,000 persons in 1988. The building, acquired in 1976 by the City from the Great Lakes Bible College, was in total disrepair. Since then the City has been in the process of the slow restoration of the building and site. These projects will continue the restoration. All renovations will be based upon the new site Master Plan to be completed in early 1991.

The restoration of the arbor and landscaping, and the addition of irrigation, will attempt to assimilate the original landscaping and arbor that were present on the site. This restoration is important to properly place the building on the site to aid in the educational and historical interpretation of the site. Plants and layout of the site will be in keeping with the original plantings present in the 1880's. The irrigation will aid in the maintenance of the yard and plantings.

The House currently has very limited on-site parking for 32 cars and zero buses. A new parking lot will be built on the

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property owned by the Department immediately south of the House. The paved lot will provide parking for buses as well as an approximately 100 cars to be used for the many special programs offered at the House such as Family Christmas Tours, special historical exhibits, classes, and facility rentals.

Of prime importance is the complete exterior renovation. It is important to restore the exterior in order to protect both the exterior and interior of the House from further damage due to decay. Major projects to be accomplished are repair/replacement of all columns and capitals, repair of all four porches, roof repairs, gutters and downspouts, as well as caulking and sealing.

WASHINGTON PARK

Washington Park is located in the south central portion of the City. The park services the neighborhood as well as the senior housing located just south of the park. The park currently contains all of the facilities required for large picnic groups such as restrooms, play equipment and play field except for a large pavilion. The addition of a large pavilion will help ease the need in the community for picnic sites with pavilions and restrooms which currently is not being met by Potter and Frances Parks.

The main portion of the funding will be used to expand the warming area of the ice rink operated by the department November through March. The current facilities do not have locker room space for leagues to change, and has inadequate public space for putting on skates, warming, and a lack of seating in conjunction with the concession, and waiting area for parents. In the 1988-89 season, the ice rink provided 175 persons lessons and open skating for

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26,700 persons.

The Resident Survey, Public Hearings, and the user numbers indicate a need for additional ice skating opportunities. The addition of a roof over the existing ice rink will allow for additional ice time by providing protection of the ice from sun, rain, and snow allowing for more consistent operation, longer seasonal periods of ice, and reduced maintenance costs.

COMMUNITY CENTERS

Currently the gyms at Foster, Gier, and Kingsley Community Centers are not air conditioned. The gyms are used for both open and organized sports such as basketball, volleyball and floor hockey and serve an estimated 15,000 participants per year. Currently the gyms remain closed during the summer months due to the lack of air conditioning and ventilation that would make the gyms playable. By air conditioning, it is estimated that participants would increase by 5,000 during the summer months. Additional usage of our facilities is needed to help provide alternative social opportunities for the City's youth and young adults in response to current drug and crime rates.

In 1991 a feasibility study for a community center located in the southend of the City will be completed. This feasibility study will address resident recreational needs, possible building sites and needs, possible existing structures which could be purchased and/or renovated, and costs associated with the development, acquisition, staffing, and maintenance of the facility. Based upon this study, a plan of action will be completed as to how the results of the study should be addressed.

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TENNIS COURT REPLACEMENT REPAIRS

The tennis facilities within the Parks and Recreation properties provide Lansing's 130,000 residents an opportunity to enjoy tennis in an outdoor setting free of charge. This makes the courts and sport accessible to all persons regardless of age, sex, or income. The department also sponsors a tennis league which had 162 participants for the 1989 season. The league currently plays on the City's courts throughout the City. The 786 matches were played at St. Joseph and Kingsley.

Two courts at Clifford Park and three courts at St. Joseph Park are in need of replacement. These courts currently contain large asphalt cracks which are unrepairable and leave the courts unplayable due to player safety and unpredictable ball bounces. The courts at St. Joseph are used by Sexton High School Athletic Programs in conjunction with the other three courts on the site. Two courts at Riverfront Park require repair of the cracked asphalt and recolorcoating.

Fencing of tennis courts at Elmhurst, Pleasant View, Quentin, Ranney, Dunnebeck, and Lyons Avenue Parks are in need of repair. These courts are all in playable condition, but due to their age require repairs to the existing fencing surrounding the asphalt playing surface. These courts primarily serve their respective neighborhoods.

DAVIS PARK

Davis Park located in the southern region of the City serves as both a neighborhood park and the area wide softball community. On the three diamonds, 536 games were played on Diamond #1, 529 on Diamond #2, and 70 on Diamond #3.

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Support facilities include restroom facilities and paved parking lot.

The lighting of existing Diamond #3 will allow for an additional 200 youth games or an additional 500 adult games to be played each season as well as reduce departmental maintenance costs achieved by expansion of field use versus the development of an additional field.

Due to the increasing demand being placed on Davis Park for softball use, there is also a demand for larger bleacher facilities to support the spectators during games and tournaments. The bleacher improvements will include expanded seating and concrete pads for both the new and existing bleachers.

Currently the Lansing Horseshoe Club uses the Moores Park horseshoe facilities for their club practices and tournaments. By moving the facilities to Davis Park the club will be better serviced by increased parking and restroom facilities which amongst other things will allow them to host regional tournaments and special demonstration events.

Additionally, in addition to the improvements discussed above, a long range Master Plan for Davis Park should be completed outlining possible future recreational opportunities and facilities such as a softball field complex with four or more diamonds.

RIVER TRAIL

The City currently has a policy to acquire and develop land along its rivers for public use. This was stated in the 1921, 1938, and 1966 City Master Plans and the 1974 plan for Waterfront Development. Specifically, the goal is to acquire land for parks along the Grand and Red Cedar Rivers and link them with

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the River Trail System. The River Trail consists of a paved path along the river bank and boardwalk under bridges at streets to provide for a safe and enjoyable separation of motorized vehicles and trail users. Currently, the River Trail runs from Aurelius Road on the Red Cedar River north to Dietrich Park on the Grand River. Three major areas within the Trail are still required and are (1) a lack of property at Spring Street, (2) a lack of property from the Brenke Fish Ladder to the Turner-Dodge House, and (3) a link under the North Grand River Avenue bridge at Dietrich Park. All of these are temporarily connected by city streets. Additionally, phased development is planned to extend the trail along the Red Cedar River to MSU, along the Grand River (North) to Grand Woods Park in Delta Township, along the Grand River (West) to Fulton Park, and along Sycamore Creek to the southern City limit. The development will include trailway signage, landscaping, furniture, overlooks, fishing sites, docks and boat launches.

The completed project will include approximately 19 miles of trail linking the major features along the rivers, and providing access to the River Trail System from most major residential neighborhoods.

TREE PLANTING/PARK BEAUTIFICATION

Many of the Department's park lands were developed prior to the 1960's. At the time of development these sites were often planted or were already covered with an overhead canopy of trees. Due to the age of many of these facilities, the canopy trees are in decline and are currently being removed or are expected to be removed within the next several years. Currently, over 200 trees within the parks are being removed annually with

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little replacement being performed. In order to provide for the future of these park lands, it is imperative that a plan for the replacement planting of trees is begun. This project funding of $300,000 will allow for the first phase planting of approximately 1,000 trees. These trees will provide the future canopy needs that will be required in the next twenty to thirty years. Due to the extended length of time required for the growth of a tree to canopy height, long range planning of this nature is required to insure the future preservation of our park canopies.

RUETTER PARK

Ruetter Park was one of the first parks in Lansing, dating back to the mid 1800's. In 1989, a Master Plan for the historic renovation of the park was completed. This plan takes into consideration both the historical context of the site, as well as its modern day uses. Based on this plan, renovation of the lighted and computerized fountain was completed in 1989 as well as planned tree plantings in 1990. This additional funding will allow for the replacement of the walkways, additional landscaping, new park entrances, irrigation, and site furnishings such as benches.

The park is currently used daily by downtown visitors for viewing of the fountain, flowers, and lawn areas both during the day and evening, for noon time relaxation, as a pedestrian corridor between the neighborhood and the business district, and as viewed from passing automobile traffic for its beauty and interesting fountain.

WAVERLY GOLF COURSE

The Master Plan for the redevelopment of

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Waverly Golf Course is expected to be completed during the spring of 1990. The completed plan will be for the redevelopment of the Waverly Golf Course from its current 9 holes to 18 holes. This expansion will encompass the current developed land as well as the property immediately south of the course owned by the City of Lansing. The renovated course will provide a more challenging golf experience, provide for an additional 9 holes of golf, improve drainage problems which currently exist on the site, and improve club house and parking conditions. Currently several different possible funding sources are being investigated in order to provide the financing for the redevelopment. If financing can be determined, work on the course may begin as early as the spring of 1991.

SOFTBALL COMPLEX

For several years the Parks and Recreation Department has been evaluating the need for a four diamond lighted softball complex. The complex will provide a facility for league and tournament play complete with four lighted diamonds, parking, concessions, restrooms, and picnic areas. The construction of this complex will allow for the reduction of league games currently held on neighborhood park diamonds there by allowing for additional youth leagues on the neighborhood diamonds, the consolidation of maintenance for the adult league fields, and the increased ability to schedule and host softball tournaments. At this time a final location for this complex has not been selected, thereby limiting the ability to formulate a cost estimate.

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SCOTT HOUSE RENOVATION

The Scott House and grounds contain the Scott House which was moved to the site, historic gardens which were original to the site including a sunken garden and river bank gardens, and the Cooley Gardens. Adjacent to this property is the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame also located in a historic house. The Scott House is currently used by various clubs and organizations such as the Lansing Camera Club and the Greater Lansing Garden Club as a meeting space for their club meetings. The building also houses temporary offices for the Potter Park Zoological Society and the Capitol City Riverfest. In addition the House is used for various Department and City staff meetings.

The House requires major renovations in order to return the exterior facade to its original appearance, correct structural concerns, as well as address interior needs. The grounds are currently under renovation by the Department's Field Services Division, with the help of the Greater Lansing Garden Club and the Friends of Cooley Garden.

FRANCES PARK

Frances Park requires several renovation projects in order to maintain its great beauty and usability. First, and foremost, a new storage garage is needed to replace the garage that was removed as part of Public Service's construction of the new lift station located within the boundaries of the park. This garage will provide storage for the vehicles, machinery, tools, and supplies which are required to maintain the park and gardens. Currently many of these items are inappropriately stored or must be

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brought in daily from the Oak Park Field Office.

The remainder of the parks needs fall under **renovation of existing facilities**. The pavilion is in need of new and expanded barrier free restrooms, roof structure, and a general attention to needed repairs due to the structure's age and heavy usage. The gardens and overlook require extensive renovation to the concrete pavement surfaces, stairs, balustrades, and retaining walls. The wood arbors within the gardens also require attention due to their age. Additionally, the large gravel **parking lot** located in the eastern portion of the park is to be paved and striped in order to provide additional parking in peak park usage times.

CEMETERIES

Mt. Hope Cemetery, which dates back to the 1800's, is enclosed on its north and east boundaries by a very old wrought iron fence. This **wrought iron fence** requires extensive repairs, renovation, and repainting in order to attempt to preserve the historic character of the Cemetery. Due to its age, Mt. Hope Cemetery also requires a new **waterline system** to provide water within the cemetery for maintenance as well as water spickets for visitors to use for watering plants and flowers at grave sites. Installation of this system will be very difficult due to the confining layout of the grave sites, the rolling terrain, and the mature size of trees and other plant materials.

Also requiring renovation is the **pond at the entrance of Evergreen Cemetery**. The pond provides for a very attractive entrance to the cemetery as well as an aid in the control of storm water run-off. The pond requires regrading, a new

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liner, and new supply pipes.

PLAY EQUIPMENT

Since 1985, numerous pieces of play ground equipment have been removed from neighborhood park sites. This removal resulted from concern regarding the safety of the equipment due to its age and design. Therefore, this money will begin the phasing process of installation of new play ground equipment within the neighborhood parks.

DURANT PARK

Historic Durant Park is located on the northern end of the downtown on Saginaw St. making it highly visible to automobile traffic as well as a park for neighborhood residents and day care. These funds will allow for a site master plan, which will provide the basis of design for a new fountain located in the center of the park, irrigation, replanting of the overhead canopy of trees, and site furnishings.

PAVEMENT REPAIRS

Many of the City's parks were constructed during the 1950's and 1960's. Pavement surfaces, both asphalt and concrete, which were installed during construction have aged to the point that they require extensive repairs, resurfacing or replacement. Many of the surfaces have deteriorated to the extent where they have been determined to be unsafe and unusable. These funds will begin to address the infrastructure pavement needs at existing sites. These funds are not designated for paving additional sites which currently are not paved.

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LIGHT WESTSIDE PARK BALL DIAMONDS

The demand for ball diamonds for use in league play continues to grow beyond the number of available diamonds. Therefore, by lighting the existing diamonds at Westside Park, additional games will be able to be played on already existing fields. The lighting of the fields will circumvent the development costs of a totally new diamond facility, allow for the consolidation of maintenance, and will increase the number of games which can be played on the site by no less than 30%.

MUNICIPAL BALL FIELD

Currently visitors to Municipal must use the restroom facilities at the neighboring Red Cedar Golf Course. Construction of a new restroom and concession building will provide barrier free restrooms for the public. Additionally, funding will allow for the paving of the existing gravel parking lot. Paving of the lot will eliminate the extreme mess created in the spring of the year, with striping provide for additional parking, and improve the overall appearance of the facility.

RIVERFRONT BAND SHELL

This project will encompass the construction of a new permanent band shell located within Riverfront Park. The band shell will provide a continuous opportunity for outdoor concerts, theater events, dance performances and other special events.

RANNEY PARK

One lighted softball diamond has been enjoyed at Ranney Park for several

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decades. A second lighted softball diamond will be constructed on the site to complement the existing ball field, restrooms, and parking lot thereby providing for additional programming of the site including additional league play.

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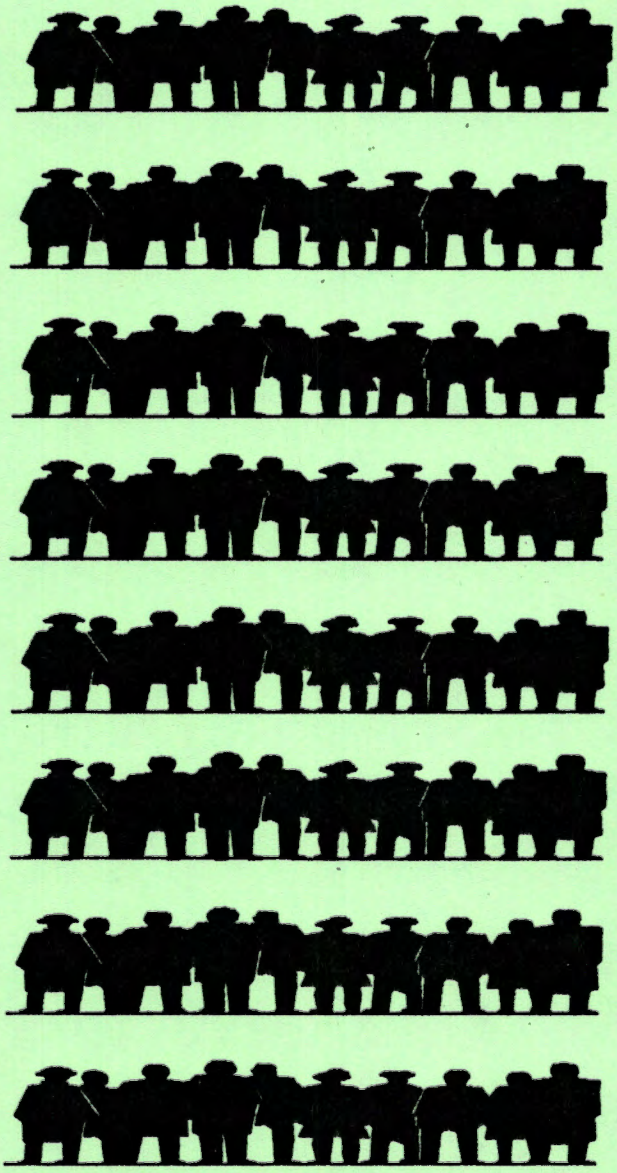
RECREATION INVENTORY



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RECREATION INVENTORY

The Recreation Inventory includes a description of the existing recreational opportunities offered within a reasonable travel distance for the City's residents. The importance of this information is in its use for identifying current needs in recreational services and facilities.

The information included in this inventory begins with a map depicting **City Parklands** and a **Facilities Inventory** on pages 129 and 130. This is followed by an extensive list of **Departmental Programs** currently being offered on pages 131 through 135. **Natural and Historic Sites** are given on page 136. Page 137 contains locations for **Community and Senior Centers** funded by the City and other charitable organizations. **School/Park Combinations** sites are shown on page 138. A map depicting **City Owned Golf Courses** is shown on page 139. And last, a list of **Non-City Owned recreational Facilities** is given starting on page 140.

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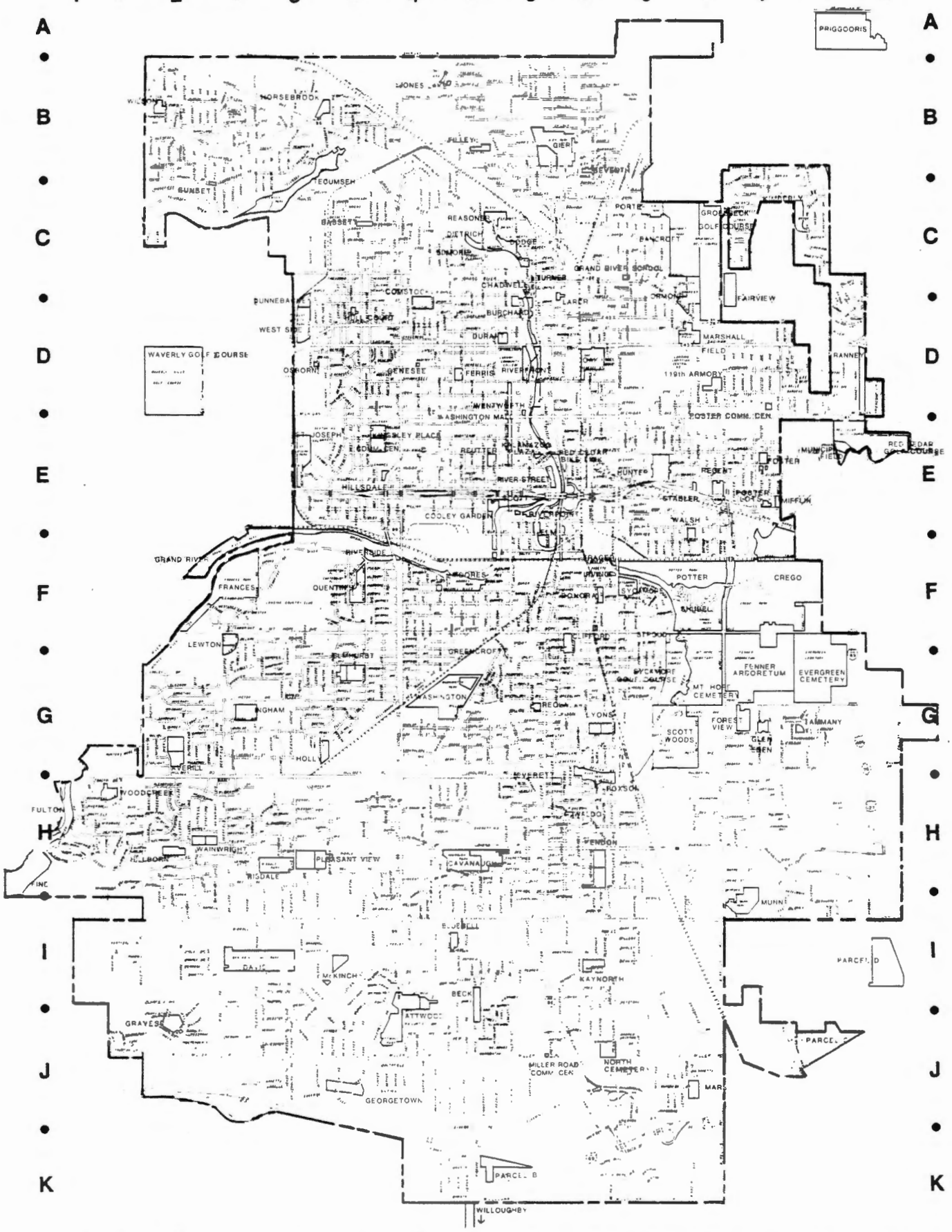
Park Facilities Map



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LANSING PARKS and RECREATION

Facilities Chart

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PARKS	Number of Acres	Map Location	League Diamond	Neighborhood Diamond	Basketball	Football-Soccer	Picnic Area	Play Equipment	Nature Trails	Riverfront Property	Shelter	Sledding Hill	Tennis Court	Special Features
ATTWOOD PARK	28.9	I-4		■	■		■	■			■			
AVERILL PARK	8.0	G-2		■	■			■						
BANCROFT PARK	45.3	C-6		■	■		■	■	■		■			Restroom
BASSETT PARK	4.0	C-4		■	■			■						
BECK PARK	10.4	I-5		■	■			■						
BLUEBELL PARK	2.?	I-4			■			■						
BURCHARD PARK	5.2	C-5		■	■			■		■				Fish Ladder, Canoe Portage, Restroom
CAVANAUGH PARK	25.0	H-5		■	■			■		■				
CLIFFORD PARK	5.4	F-5		■	■			■		■				
COMSTOCK PARK	8.2	C-4	■		■			■		■				
COOLEY GARDEN	1.4	E-5								■				Flower Garden
CREGO PARK	200.7	F-7								■				
DAVIS PARK	41.8	I-3	■				■			■			■	Restroom
DIETRICH PARK	5.0	C-4								■	■		■	
DUNNEBACKE PARK	6.4	C-3								■			■	
DURANT PARK	3.0	D-5								■				
EDMORE PARK	0.4	C-4			■			■		■				
ELM PARK	5.6	E-5	■		■			■		■				
ELMHURST PARK	5.0	G-3								■			■	
EVERETT PARK	3.0	G-5				■								
FAIRVIEW PARK	12.2	C-7								■				
FENNER ARBORETUM	126.0	F-7						■		■	■			Nature Trails, Tours, Restroom
FERRIS PARK	3.0	D-4		■	■			■		■				
FILLEY PARK	2.2	B-5								■				
FINE PARK	25.8	H-1												
FOREST VIEW PARK	8.1	G-7								■	■	■	■	
FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER	2.3	D-7						■						Restroom
FOSTER PARK	4.0	E-7		■	■			■		■				
FRANCES PARK	57.8	F-3		■	■		■	■		■	■			Formal Rose Garden, Restroom
FULTON PARK	26.3	H-1												Overlook, Dock
GENESEE PARK	0.4	D-4						■			■			
GEORGETOWN PARK	11.2	J-4												
GIER PARK & COMMUNITY CENTER	36.5	B-5	■		■			■			■			Restroom
GLEN EDEN PARK	3.0	G-7												
GRAND RIVER PARK	42.6	E-2								■	■			Lansing Boat Club, Boat Launch
GRAND RIVER SCHOOL PARK	2.5	D-6		■				■						
GRAVES PARK	6.0	J-2												
HILLBORN PARK	6.7	H-2		■	■			■						
HILLSDALE PARK	3.2	F-4												
HOLLY PARK	5.0	G-3												
HORSEBROOK PARK	4.3	B-2		■	■			■						
HULL COURT PARK	1.3	D-3												
HUNTER PARK	14.0	E-6		■	■			■					■	Pool, Restroom
INGHAM PARK	11.8	G-3		■	■			■						
IRVING PARK	0.4	F-6												
JONES LAKE PARK	1.8	B-4								■				Lake Frontage
KALAMAZOO PLAZA	0.4	F-5												R.E. Olds Memorial
KAYNORTH PARK	5.2	I-5												
KENDON PARK	5.6	H-6	■					■						
KIMBERLY PARK	18.5	C-7												Natural Marsh Eco System
KINGSLEY COMMUNITY CENTER	4.6	E-4		■	■			■		■	■		■	
LARCH PARK	0.5	C-5		■	■			■		■			■	
LENTON PARK	1.7	F-2		■	■			■		■				
LYONS PARK	5.0	G-6		■	■			■		■			■	
MARSCOT PARK	5.0	J-6												
MARSHALL FIELD	11.4	D-6	■	■	■			■		■				Restroom
McKINCH PARK	5.5	I-3												
MILLER ROAD COMMUNITY CENTER	0.3	J-5												Restroom
MOORES PARK	22.9	F-4								■	■			Shuffleboard, Restroom, Dam, Pool, Dock
MUNICIPAL FIELD	6.7	F-8	■	■	■			■		■				
MUNN PARK	14.4	I-7												
OAK PARK	16.7	D-5		■	■			■		■		■		
119th ARMORY PARK	6.8	D-6		■	■			■						
OLMOND PARK	8.2	C-6		■	■			■		■				
OSBORN PARK	0.6	D-3												
PLEASANT VIEW PARK	7.4	H-3			■			■						
PORTER PARK	10.7	C-6			■			■		■				
POTTER PARK	98.5	F-6			■		■	■		■	■			Zoo, Canoe Rental, Restroom
POXSON PARK	16.7	G-5			■			■						
QUENTIN PARK	10.3	F-4	■		■			■				■	■	
RANNEY PARK	19.1	D-4												Restroom
REASONER PARK	6.6	G-5			■			■			■		■	
REGENT PARK	4.9	E-6			■			■						
REOLA PARK	0.6	G-5			■			■						
REUTTER PARK	3.0	F-5												Fountain
RISDALE PARK	17.6	H-3	■	■	■			■		■				
RIVERFRONT PARK	20.9	D-5					■			■			■	Sculpture, Amphitheater, Market, Dock
RIVERPOINT PARK	4.3	E-5						■		■				
RIVERSIDE PARK	7.3	F-4								■				
RIVER STREET PARK	4.7	E-5						■		■			■	Boat Launch
ST. JOSEPH PARK	18.8	E-3	■	■	■			■						
SCOTT PARK CENTER	5.5	F-5								■				Sunken Garden
SCOTT WOODS PARK	87.4	C-6			■			■		■				
SEVENTH PARK	1.6	F-6						■		■				
SHUBEL PARK	56.5	F-6			■			■		■				Cemetery Office
STABLER PARK	1.3	E-6												
STROUD PARK	0.8	F-6												
SYCAMORE PARK	10.0	F-6	■		■			■						
TAMMANY PARK	1.6	G-7												
TECUMSEH PARK	39.0	E-3			■			■		■			■	
TURNER PARK	0.04	C-5												Mini-Park
TURNER-DODGE PARK AND HOUSE	11.3	C-5						■		■				Restroom
WAINWRIGHT PARK	5.4	H-2			■			■						
WALDO PARK	0.5	H-5												
WALSH PARK	4.0	F-6												
WASHINGTON MALL	3.1	F-5						■						Fountain, Sculpture
WASHINGTON PARK	43.4	G-4	■		■			■		■	■		■	Ice Rink, Restroom
WENTWORTH PARK	0.9	F-5												
WEST SIDE PARK	12.5	I-3	■	■	■			■						
WILLOUGHBY PARK	50.0	B-4												
WILSON PARK	4.5	F-2		■	■			■		■	■		■	
WOODCREEK PARK	4.4	H-1												
GOLF COURSES														
GROESBECK	115.64	C-6								■				18 Holes, Showers, Lockers
RED CEDAR	61.27	E-6								■				9 Holes, Showers
SYCAMORE	53.25	F-6								■				9 Holes
WAVERLY	115.9	I-2												9 Holes

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RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING

SPECIAL EVENTS

Daddy/Daughter Dance
Black History Festival
Family Movies
Easter Egg Hunt
Mother/Son Mother's Day Dance
Carnivals at Centers
Scrabble Tournament
Holiday Bazaar
Halloween Parties
Easy Mix Adult Dance
Flea Market
Turkey Shoot
Santa's Mailbox
Field Trips
Triathalon
Christmas Collage
Cedar Point Trip
Bike-a-Thon
Golf Tournaments
4th of July
Slumber Party
Hershey Track and Field Meet
Victorian Turner-Dodge House Christmas
Apple Butter
Sugar Bush
Christmas at the Zoo

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Nature Education Tours
Nature Explorers
Pre-School
Movies
Crafts Galore
Its a Brand New Me
Beginning Youth Cooking
Tumbling
Open Recreation
Tutoring
After-School Open Recreation
Floor Hockey
Creative Movement
Ballet
Youth Craft Classes
Youth Aerobics & Fitness
Jr. Karate
Piano
Youth Basketball

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Pom-Pom & Cheerleading
Make a Mother's Day Gift
Story Hour
Mexican Dance
Play Production
Creative Dramatics
Macrame
Baton Twirling
Modern Jazz
Eating Right is Fun
Tournament Tuesdays
Nature for Preschoolers
Creative Puppetry
Open Swimming
Swimming Lessons
Summer Playground Programs/"Kids Camps"
Historic Crafts Program
Ice Skating
Ice Skating Lessons
Winter Sports Equipment Sale
Performing Arts Show
Arts Competition

CAMPS

Nature Day Camp
Drama Camp
"Time Travelers" History Day Camp
Sports Camps
Drama Camp

ADULT PROGRAMS

Family Nature Programs and Walks
Birdwatching Walks
Exercise and Fitness
30 and Over Club (Men's & Women's)
Adult Ceramics
Adult Sewing
Ballroom Dance
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
Beginning Tennis Lessons
Adult Education
Volleyball Clubs
Open Volleyball
Open Basketball
Taw Kwon Do
Personal expression in Interior Design
Yoga
Ballroom Dance
Beginning Dog Obedience
Co-Ed Volleyball

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Latin Dance
Intro. to Drawing and Cartooning
Sign Language
Antique Class
Walking at Large
Growing a Perennial Flower Garden
Braided Rugs
C.A.R.S. Race
Romance Dancing
Parent/Child Activity Day
Open Square Dancing
Mother/Daughter Aerobic
Indoor Golf Driving Range
Shirt Decorating
Computer Class
Belly Dance
Travelogue
Golf for Adults
Canoe Michigan
Spring Spruce Up
Fall Color Walk
Ice Skating Lessons
Ice Hockey League
Adult Swim
Spring Landscape Celebration
Global Releaf

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Exercise and Fitness
Senior Olympics
Fishing Derby
Christmas Caroling
Golf
Bridge
Dances
Holiday Parties
Potlucks
Ceramics
Clogging
Oil Painting
Golden Softball
Hawaiian Luau
Crafts
Ceramics
Health Screening
Diabetic Workshop
Picnic
Senior Lunch Programs

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THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

POHI Summer Recreation Day Camp
Fenner Nature Day Camp for Mental Impairments
Gardening
Putt Putt Golf
Zoo School
Swimming
T-Ball for Youth with Physical Impair.
Special Events
Dinner and Dancing
Potluck Cookout Family Style Picnic
Bowling
Ceramics
Drama
Creative Movement
Music
Painting
Public Speaking
Pottery
Social Dance
Square Dance
Skiing
Exercise
Ice Skating
Sports Clinic

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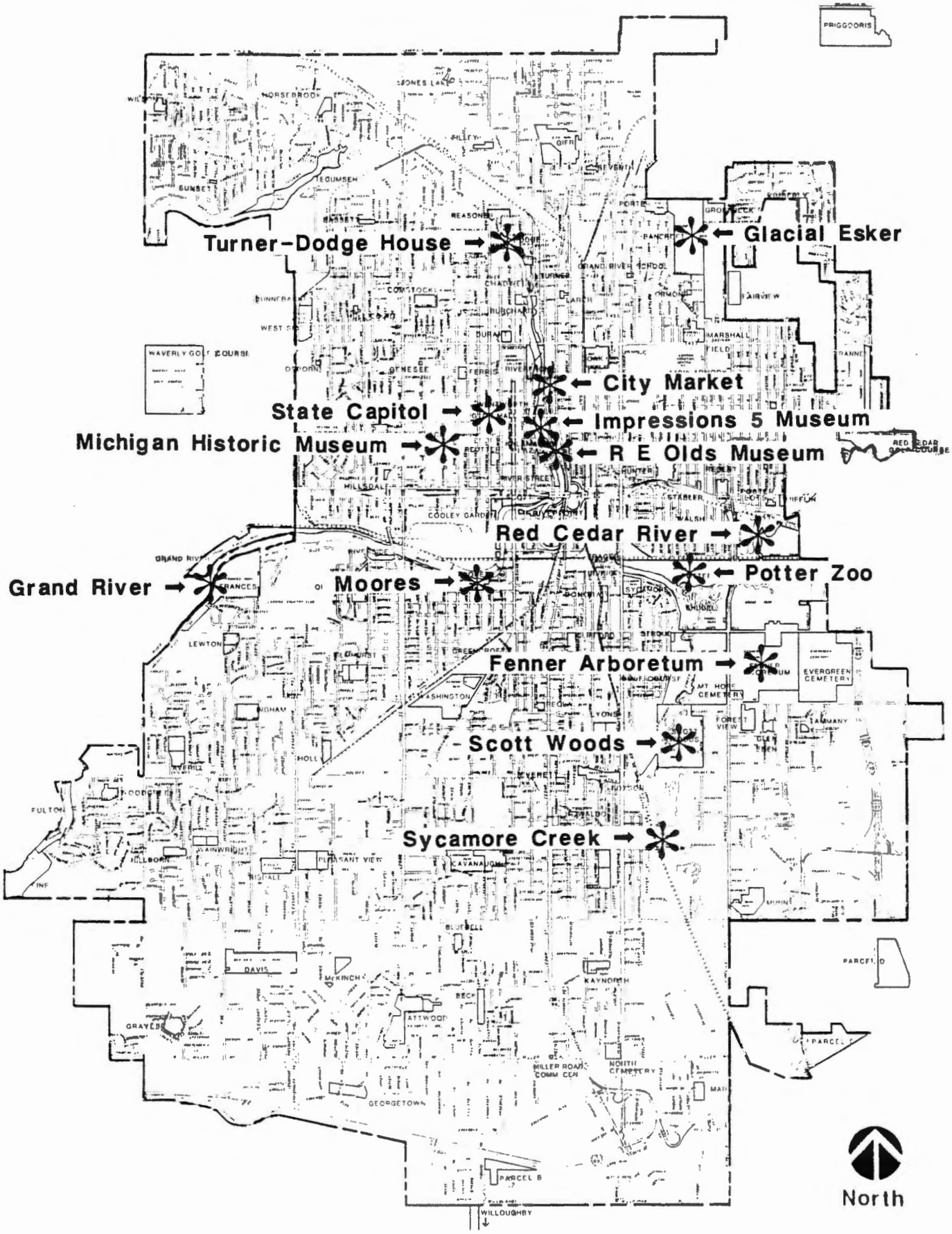
Natural & Historical Sites



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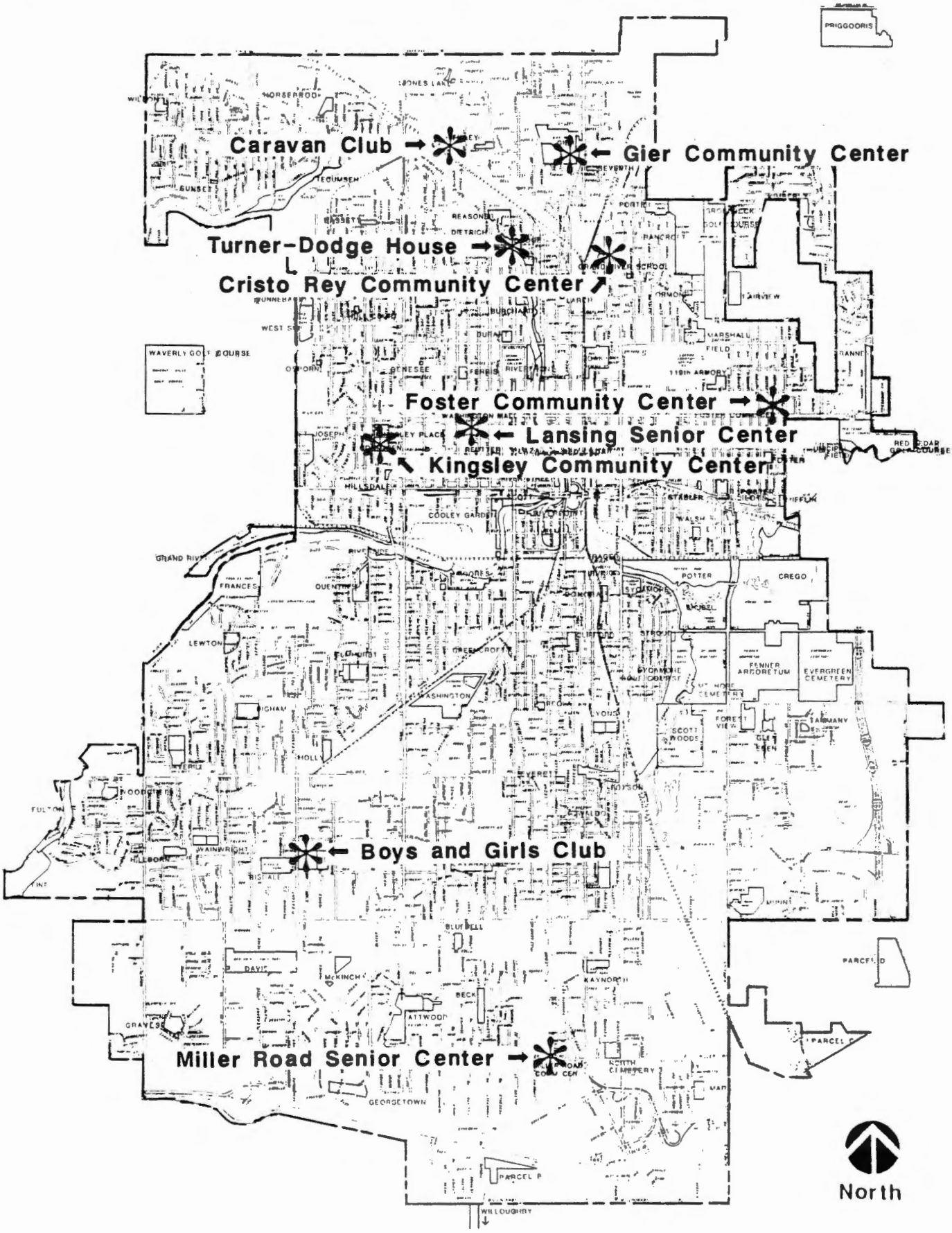
Community & Senior Centers



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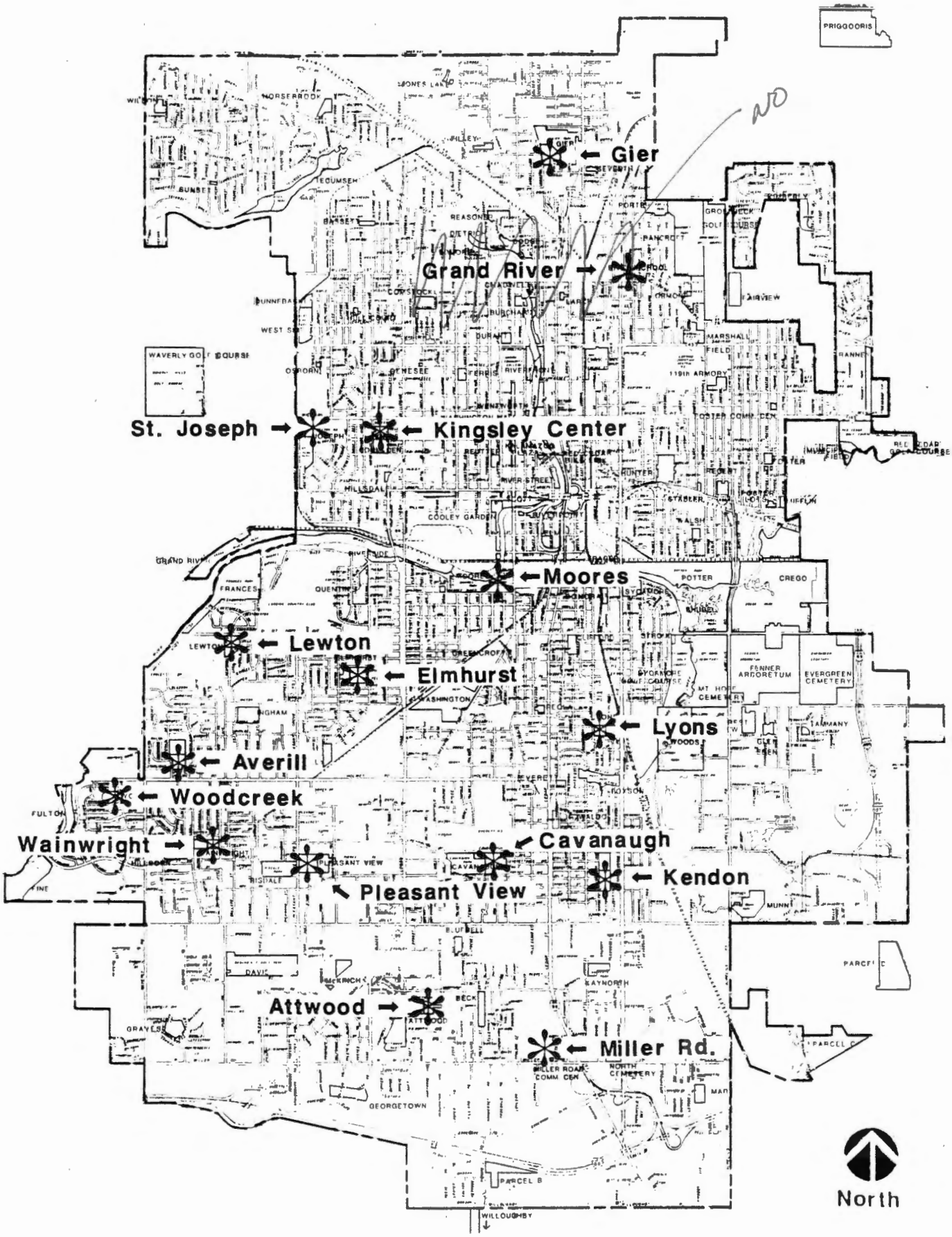
School/Park Combinations



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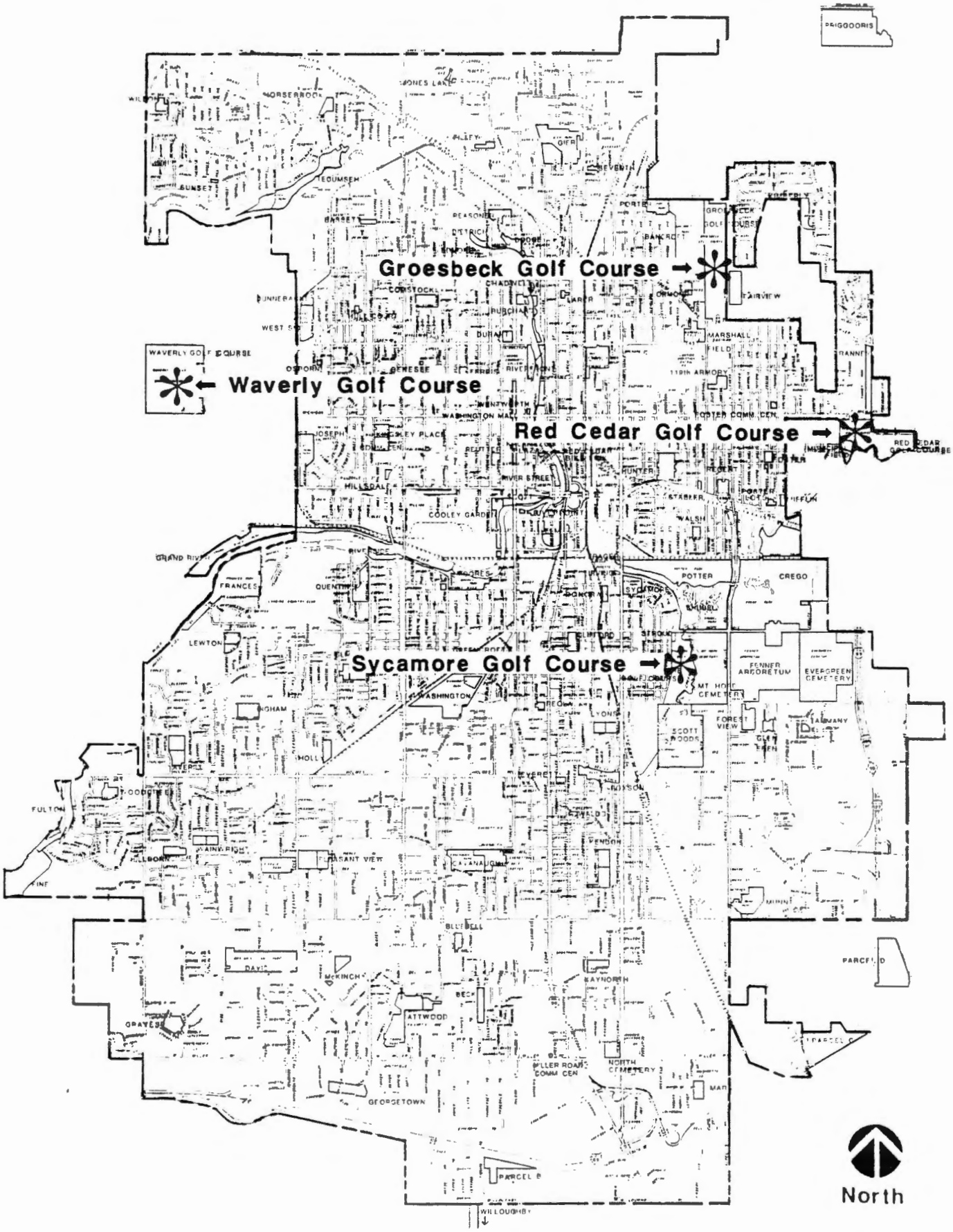
City Owned Golf Courses



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NON-CITY RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MUSEUMS

Abrams Planetarium
MSU, East Lansing

Center for the Arts
425 S. Grand, Lansing

Impression Five Science Museum
200 Museum Drive, Lansing

Michigan Historical Museum
W. Ionia, Lansing

MSU Kresge Art Gallery
MSU, East Lansing

R.E. Olds Museum
230 Museum Drive, Lansing

Michigan Museum of Surveying
200 Museum Dr., Lansing

Michigan Women's Historical Museum and Hall of Fame
213 Main St., Lansing

Woldumar Nature Center

PUBLIC GOLF COURSES

MSU Forest Akers
MSU, East Lansing

Bonnie View
311 N. Michigan, Eaton Rapids

Branson Bay
215 Branson Bay Dr., Mason

Brookshire
205 W. Church, Williamston

Butternut Brook
2200 Island Highway, Charlotte

Candalstone Inn
8100 Storey Rd., Belding

Centennial Acres Inc.
12479 Dow Rd., Sunfield

Chardell
4646 Howe Rd., Bath

Chisholm Hills Country Club
2397 S. Washington, Holt

El Dorado
3750 W. Howell Rd., Mason

Four Winds
5850 Park Lake Rd., East Lansing

Glenbrier
4178 W. Locke Rd., Perry

Grand Ledge Country Club

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5813 E. St. Joseph, Grand Ledge
Highland Hills
450 E. Alward, DeWitt
Indian Hills
4811 Nakoma, Okemos
Lake O' the Hills
2101 LacDuMont, Haslett
Ledge Meadows
1801 Gr. Ledge Hwy., Grand Ledge
Mason Hills
2602 Tomlinson, Mason
Oak Lane
N. Main, Webberville
Pine Hills
6603 N. Woodbury, Laingsburg
Pine Lake
1018 Haslett Rd., Haslett
Players Club Golf Course
925 S. Canal Rd., Grand Ledge
Prairie Creek
704 Web Rd., DeWitt
Royal Scot
4722 W. Grand River
Timber Ridge
16339 Park Lake Rd., East Lansing

PRIVATE GOLF COURSES

Country Club of Lansing
2200 Moores River Drive
Walnut Hills
2874 Lake Lansing Rd., E.Lansing

GOLF PRACTICE RANGES

Applegate Golf Center
2055 Towner, Haslett
El Dorado
3750 W. Howell, Mason
Fairway Golf Range
1410 W. Grand River, Okemos
Fourwinds
5850 Park Lake Rd.
Funtyme Adventure
800 Hogsback, Mason
6295 E. Saginaw Hwy., Grand Ledge
Groesbeck Driving Range
3125 Wood, Lansing
Highland Hills

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450 W. Alward., DeWitt
Lansing Golf Center
5855 M-99, Diamondale
Mason Hills
2602 Tomlinson
Royal Scot
4722 W. Grand River
Timber Ridge
16339 Park Lake Rd., East Lansing

MINIATURE GOLF

Funtyme Adventure Park
800 Hogsback, Mason
Fairway
1410 W. Grand River, Okemos
Putt-Putt
5801 S. Pennsylvania
Funtyme Adventure Park
6295 E. Saginaw Hwy., Grand Ledge
Wind River Adventure Golf
5800 Park Lake Rd., East Lansing

BOWLING

All Star Lanes
8520 W. Saginaw Hwy.,Lansing
Cedar way Lanes
3507 S. Cedar, Lansing
Holt Bowling Lanes
2168 S. Cedar,Lansing
Holiday Lanes
3101 E. Grand River
Lansing Recreation Center Bowling
1115 S. Washington, Lansing
Marvelanes
2120 E. M-78, East Lansing
Mason Lanes
801 N. Cedar, Mason
Metro Bowl
5141 S. Logan, Lansing
Pro-Bowl
2122 S. Logan, Lansing
Pro-Bowl
2757 E. Grand River, East Lansing
Royal Scot Lanes
4722 W. Grand River, Lansing

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BILLIARDS

Hall of Fame Billiards
2510 S. Cedar, Lansing
Pockets
1618 S. Washington, Lansing

THEATRES-CINEMA

Elmwood Plaza 8 Theatres
936 E. Mall Drive, Lansing
Lansing Mall Theatre
5628 W. Saginaw
Meridian 6 Theatres
Meridian Mall, Okemos
Meridian 8 Theatres
Meridian Mall, Okemos
The Odeion Theatre
300 N. Clippert, Lansing
United Artists Spartan Theatre
3100 E. Saginaw

THEATERS-PERFORMING ARTS

Boarshead
425 S. Grand, Lansing
Riverwalk Theater
200 Museum Drive, Lansing
Wharton Center
MSU Campus, East Lansing

SKATING RINKS

Edru Roller Skating Arena
1891 S. Cedar, Holt
Lansing Ice & Gymnastics
1475 Lake Lansing Rd., Lansing

NATURE CENTERS

Woldumar Nature Center
5539 Lansing Rd., Lansing

TENNIS-COMMERCIAL

The Racquet Club of Lansing
1609 Lake Lansing Rd.

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Tennis Club of Lansing
2291 Research Circle, Okemos

HEALTH AND FITNESS CLUBS

Body Action USA
3620 S. Waverly, Lansing
Fitness USA
5611 W. Saginaw, Lansing
Gold's Gym
906 Waverly, Lansing
Healthcor Fitness Center
3315 E. Michigan, Lansing
Mid-Michigan Academy of Martial Arts
5218 S. Logan
Powerhouse Gym
2751 E. Grand River, East Lansing
Tennis Club of Lansing
2291 Research Circle, Okemos
The Training Station
2604 N. East St.
YMCA
900 Long Blvd., Lansing
2306 Haslett Rd., Haslett
301 W. Lenawee, Lansing
YWCA
217 Townsend, Lansing

DANCE

Academy of Dance Arts
1520 E. Michigan, Lansing
Assiff Studio of the Dance
140 W. Gd. River, East Lansing
Bauer Hancre Dance Studio
4301 Holt Rd., Holt
Buremeister School of Dance
412 Elmwood, Lansing
Carol Hazel's Dance Co.
1028 Hagadorn, East Lansing
Dance Workshop
300 Bailey, East Lansing
DeMellio Studio of Dance
1115 1/2 N. Washington, Lansing
Herro Kay Studio of Dance
1561 Haslett Rd., Haslett
Jan-Ce Studio
1031 N. Washington, Lansing
Keryn's Dance Place
2197 Cedar, Holt

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Lansing Ice & Gymnastic Centre
1475 Lake Lansing Rd., Lansing
Marceil School of Dancing
224 1/2 S. Main, Eaton Rapids
McDowell School of Dance
1400 W. Saginaw, Lansing
Pressick Judi School of Dance
4976 1/2 Northwind, East Lansing
Studio de Dance
1128 E. Michigan, Lansing
Tomlian Dance Studio
821 E. Kalamazoo, Lansing
Waton Patsy Dancing School
3308 S. Cedar

CAMPGROUNDS

Lansing Cotton wood Campground
5339 Aurelius Rd., Lansing

CANOE/BOAT RENTAL

Grand River Park Canoe Rental
Grand River Park, Mason
Lake Lansing Boat Rental
Lake Lansing, Haslett
Potter Park Canoe Rental
1300 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing

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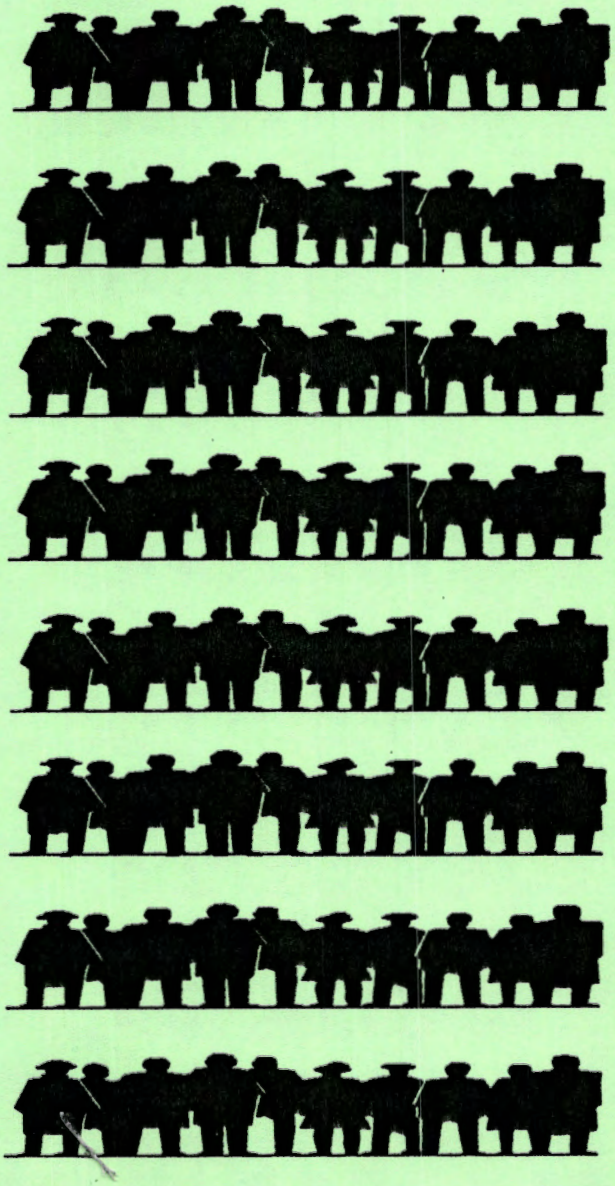
COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION



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COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The Community Description will attempt to describe the basic make-up of the Lansing community in respect to geographic location, political boundaries, demographic information, and special physical attributes. Expected future trends and their implications will also be discussed where applicable.

Context Description: The City of Lansing is located in the central portion of Michigan's lower peninsula. The incorporated City lies partially within Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton Counties, with the majority of the City lying within Ingham county. A map depicting the location of Lansing within the State is shown on page 147. The City of Lansing covers approximately 32 square miles.

Based upon the 1980 U.S. Census Bureau Census, the population of the City of Lansing is listed as 130,414 lying in a metropolitan area with a total population of 210,000. Surrounding governmental units include the City of East Lansing, Meridian Township, Lansing Township, City of DeWitt, City of Holt, Delta Township and Delhi Township.

Political Boundaries: The City limits of incorporation are shown on the map on page 148. The City is divided into four political wards by the northwest, northeast, southeast, and southwest quadrants which are identified on the map on page 148.

Neighborhood U.S. Census Tracts: For the purpose of the 1980 U.S. Census, the City was divided into individual neighborhood tracts. Census data was collected and compiled based upon these tracts. The census data retrieved for this plan has been recorded according to these tracts. A map depicting the individual Neighborhood Census Tracts is on page 149.

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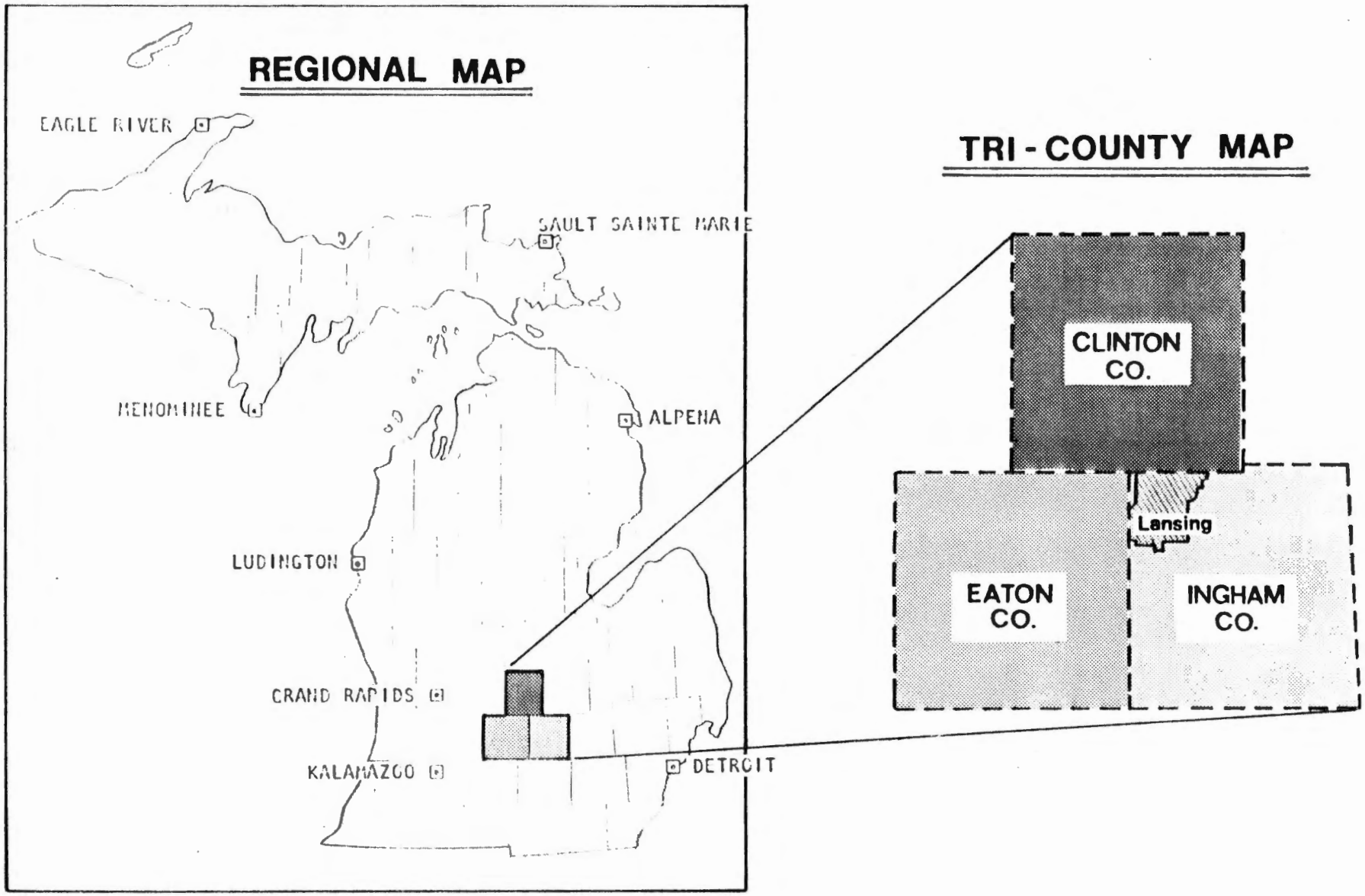

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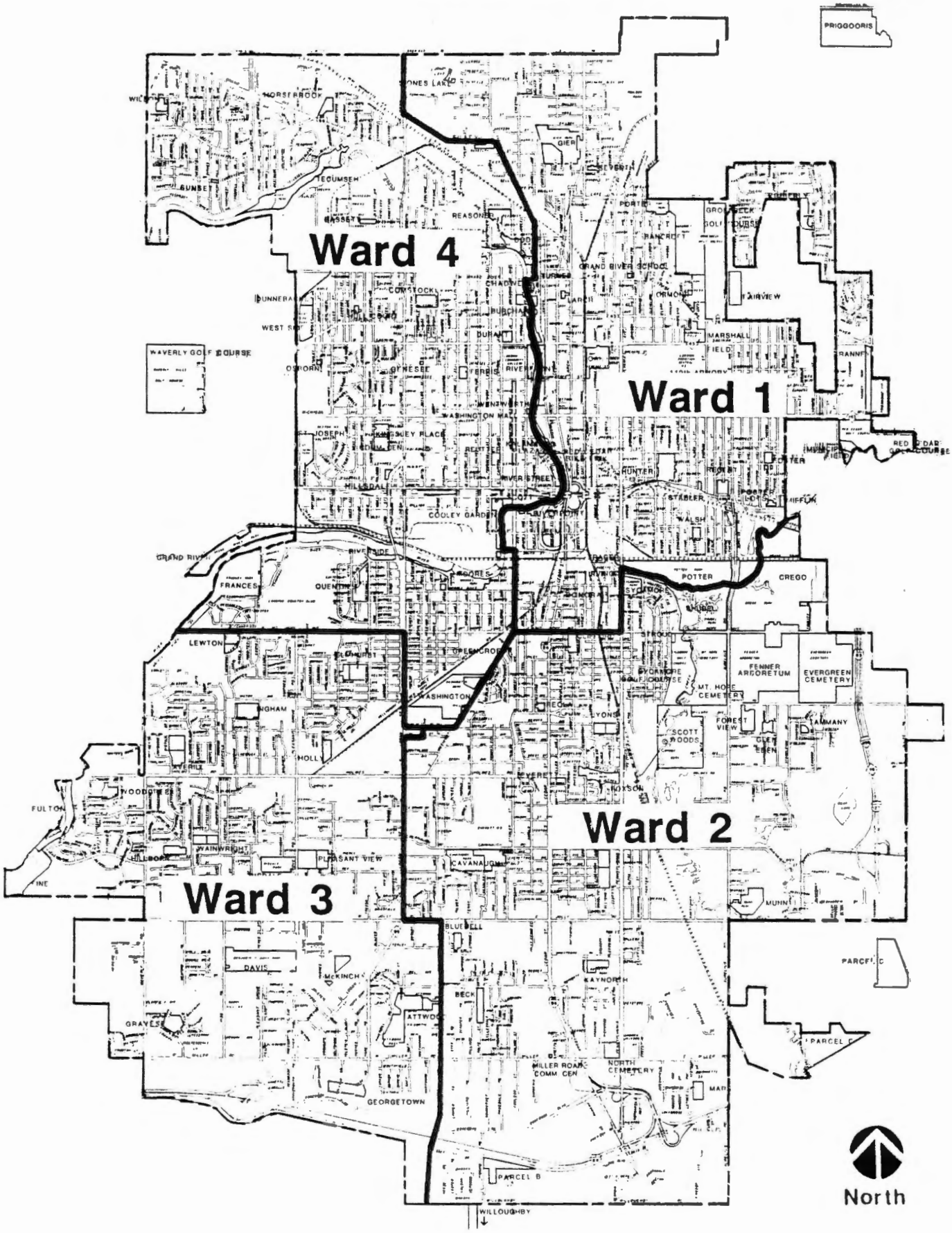
City Limits and Political Wards



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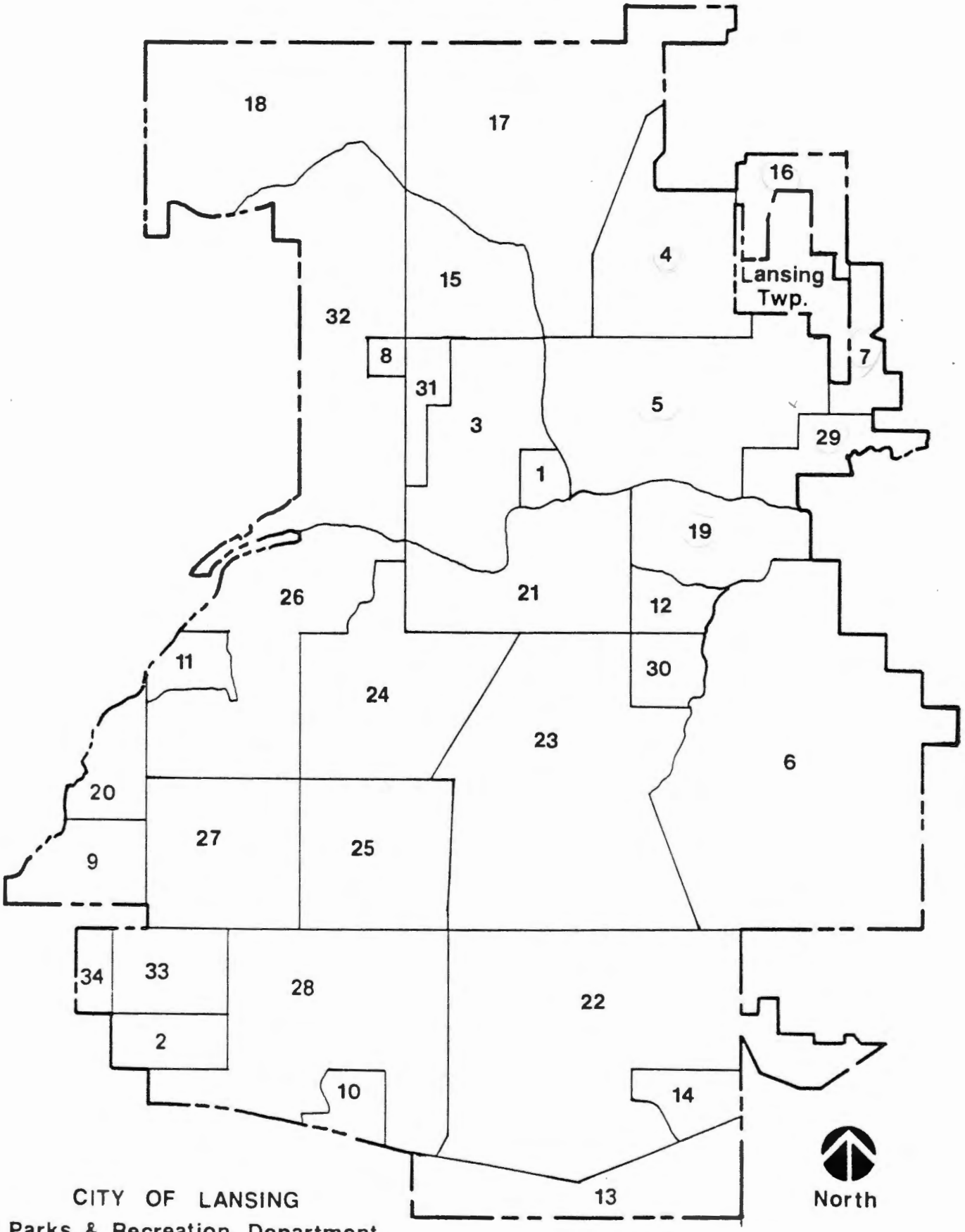
Neighborhood Census Tracts

1980 - CENSUS



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SOCIAL DESCRIPTION

All statistical data presented in this portion of the plan is based upon the 1980 U.S. Census Bureau Census Results. Graphically, the data is presented on City maps broken down by Neighborhood Census Tracts with the data represented as percentages. This breakdown is important in order to determine specific neighborhood characteristics for future recreational programming and facility needs.

Age Distribution: The age distribution of the City has been divided into groups with the following percentage of residents for each age groups.

8.6% of the residents are between 0-4 years.

7.9% of the residents are between 5-9 years.

7.8% of the residents are between 10-14 years.

8.5% of the residents are between 15-19 years.

50.9% of the residents are between 20-54 years.

16.3% of the residents are 55 years or older.

Each of these age groups are represented on individual maps and broken down into percentages from each neighborhood. Based on the above percentages, it is interesting to note that the birth rate has remained fairly constant. It is also important to note that these figures are from the 1980 U.S. Census completed ten years ago at the time of the writing of this plan. Presently the median age is expected to rise, as well as the number

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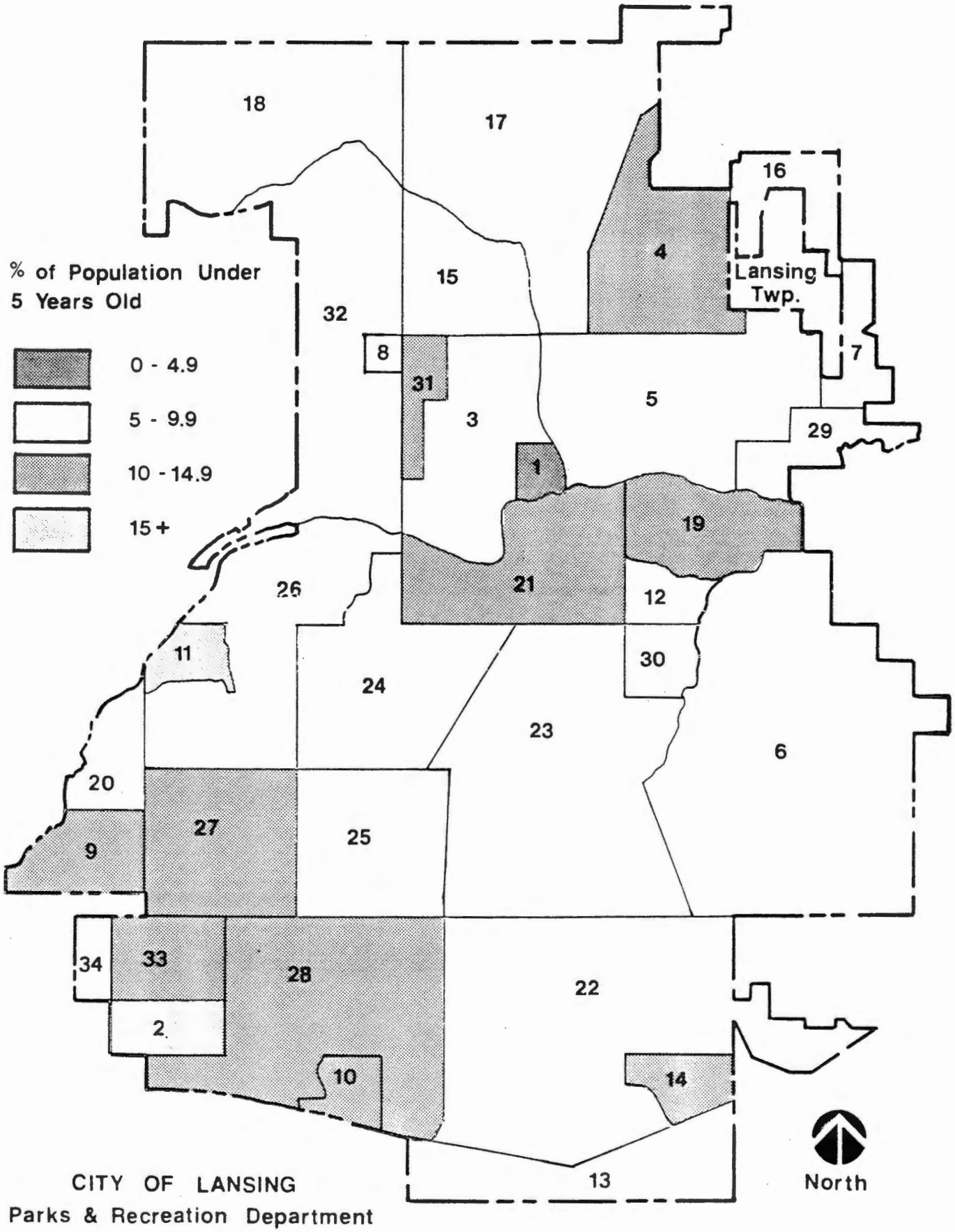

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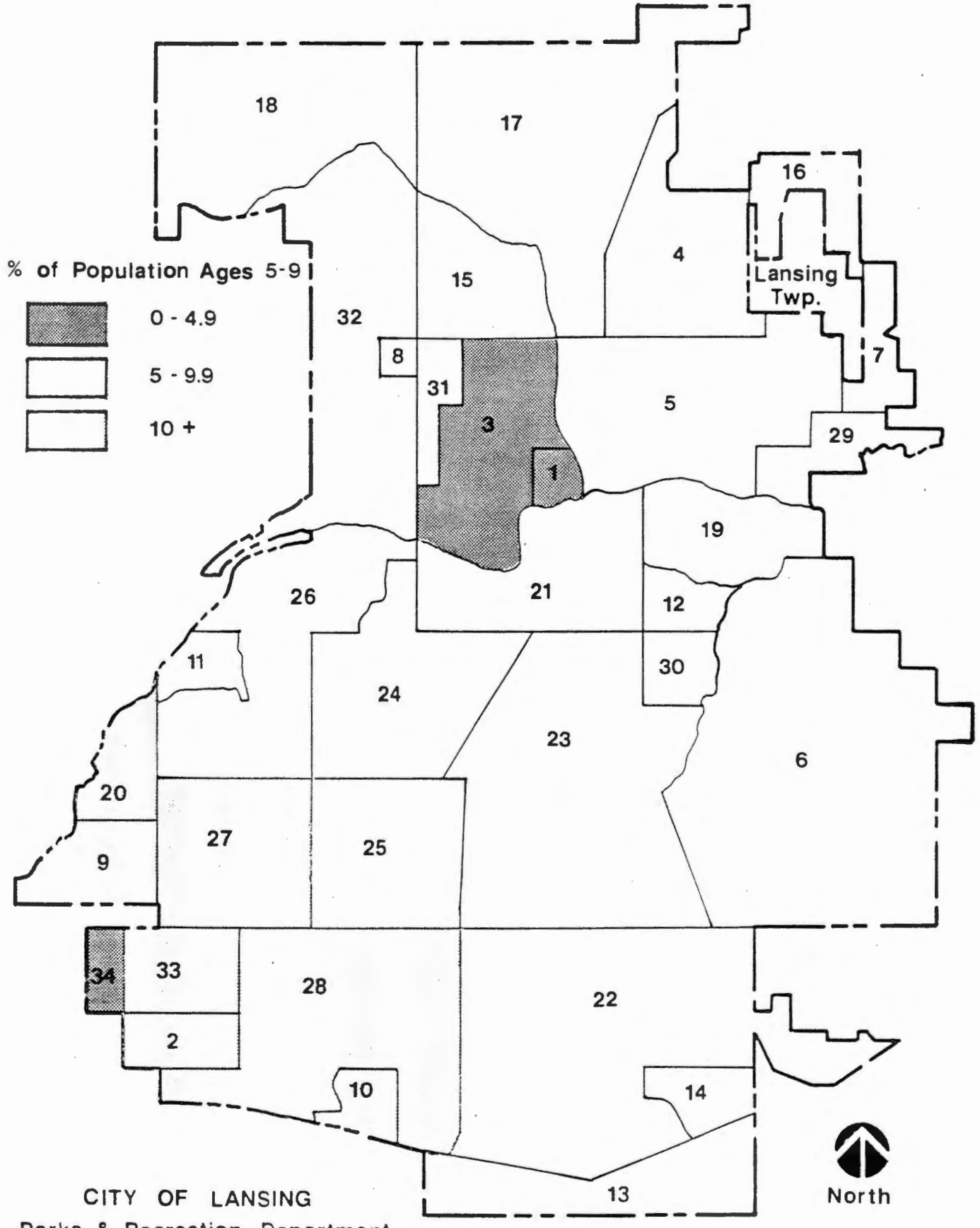

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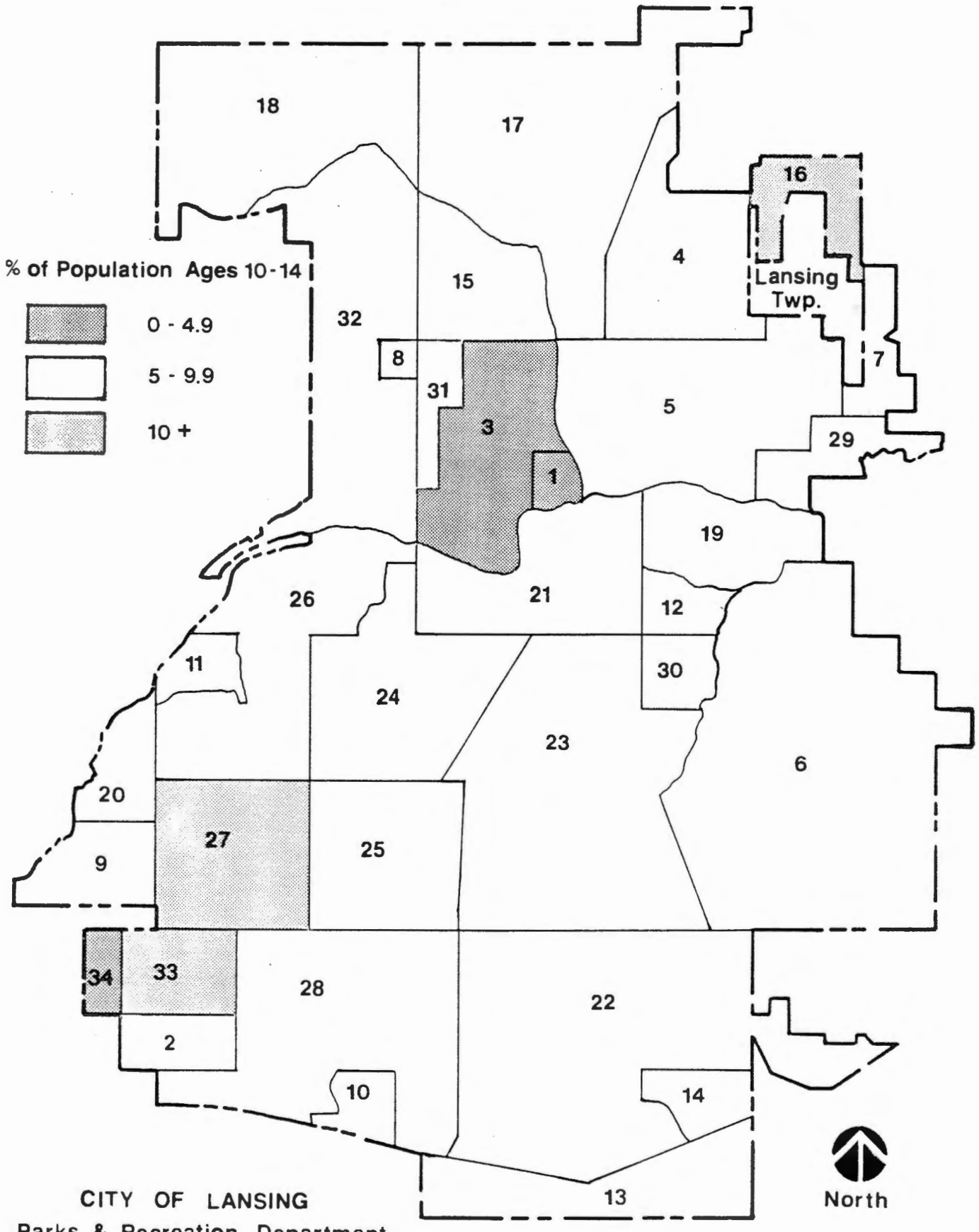

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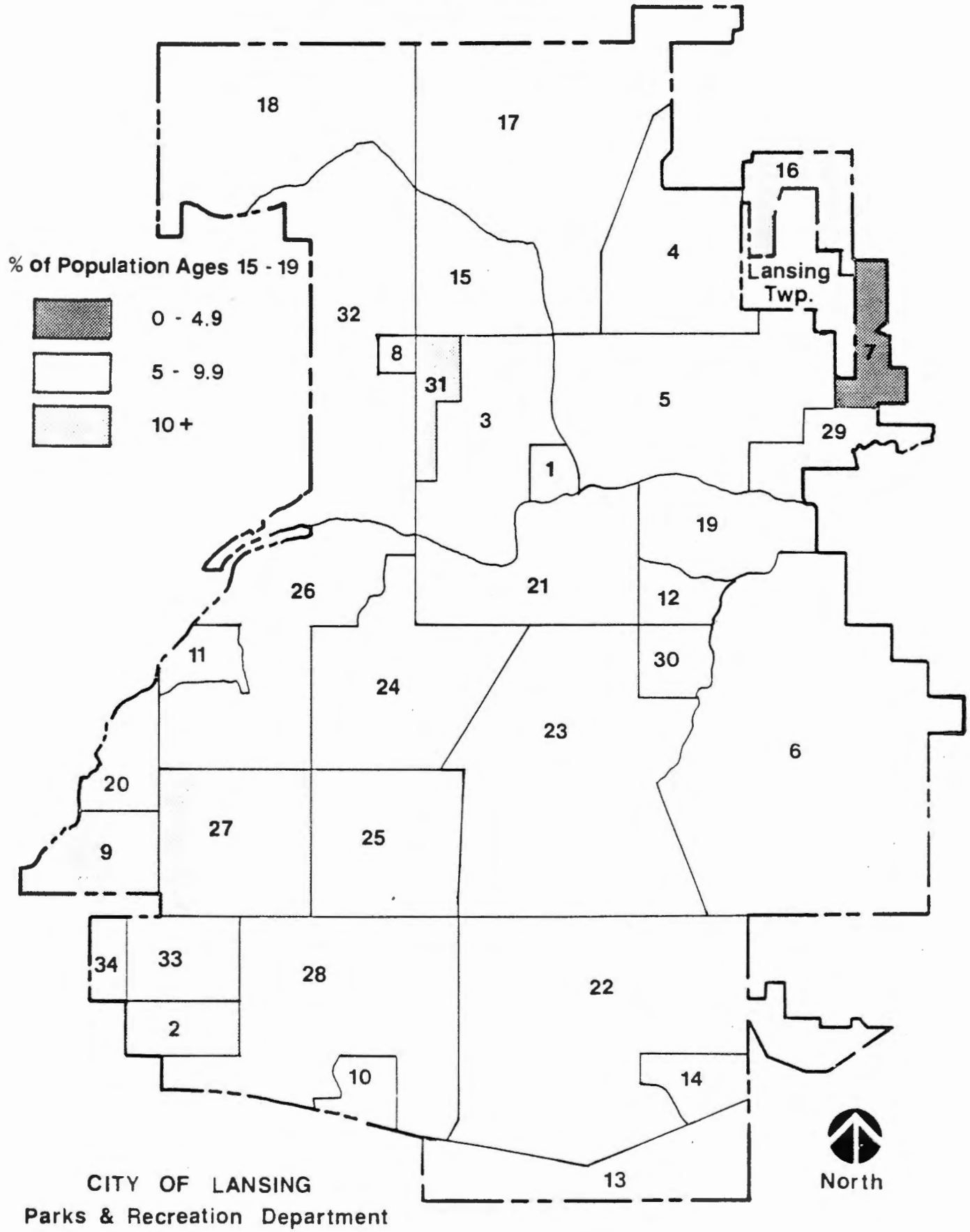

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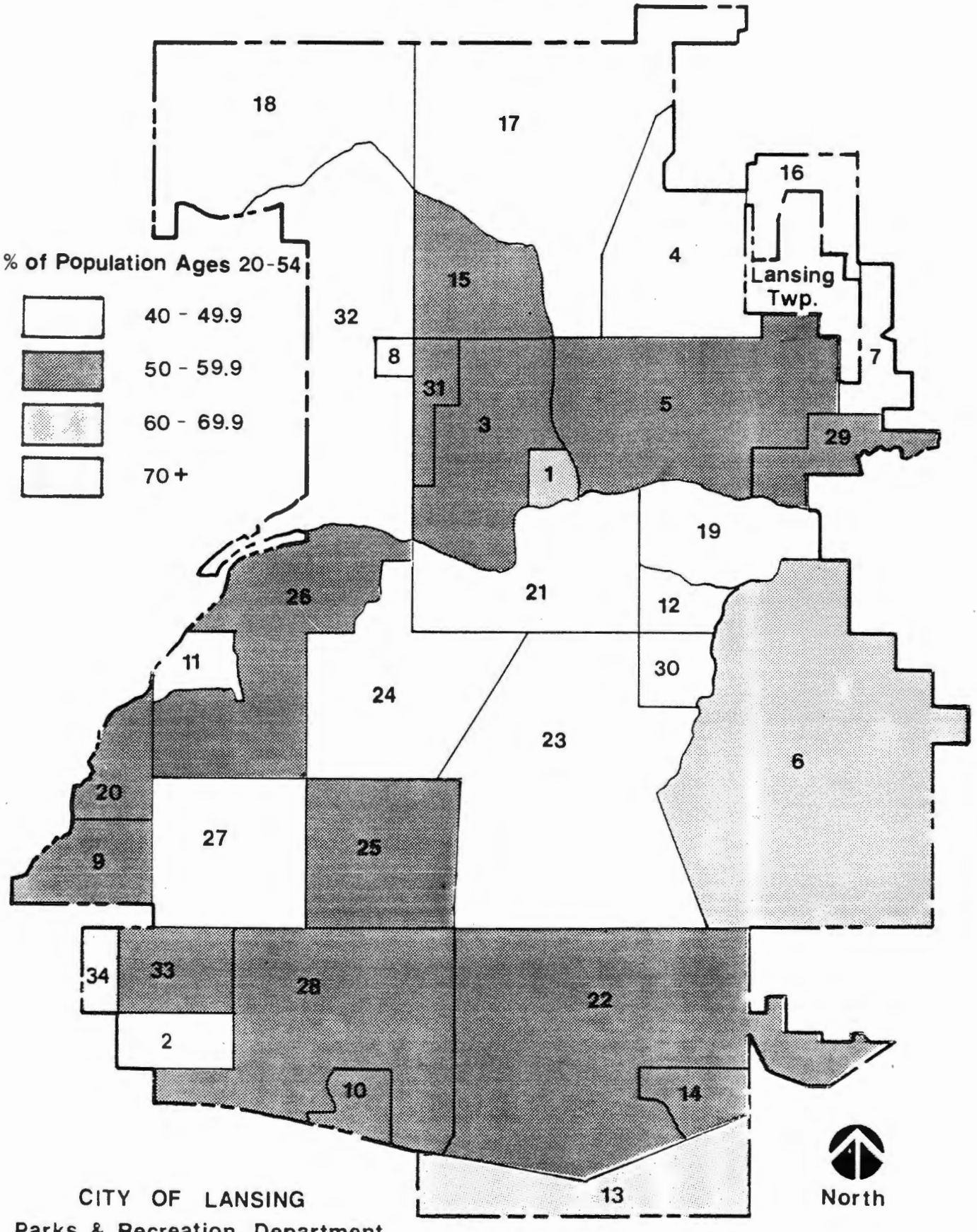

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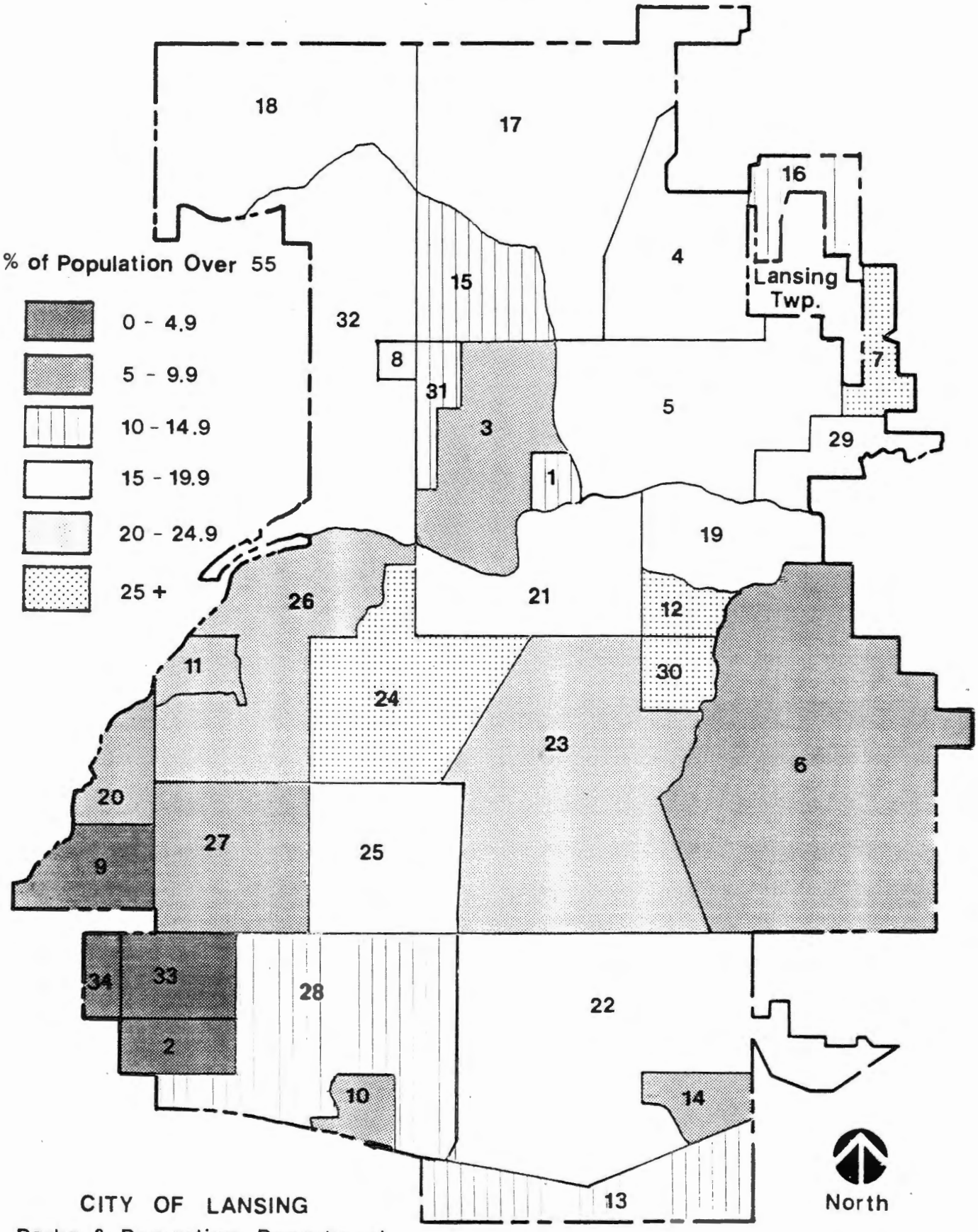

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of people over the age of 55 years old. Based upon future age predictions, recreational programming should experience a constant increase in the rate of participants in all age groups with a rise in the older adult age group requiring the greatest additional programming needs.

Sex Distribution Percentages: Based on the Census data, 52.2% of the City's population is female with 47.8 % male. The enclosed map on page 158 indicates the percentage of females in each neighborhood tract.

Racial Distribution: The City of Lansing is predominately White, with a rising population of both Black and Spanish. In 1980 the following racial distribution was recorded:

White	80.0%
Black	13.9 %
Spanish	6.3%
American Indians, Eskimos, & Aleutian Race	.8%
Other Races	4.2%

The maps which follow, illustrate the prominent neighborhood areas for each racial group and are shown on pages 159 through 163. Concentration of the Black racial group appears in the north central and northwest portions of the City. Spanish concentrations are indicated in the northeast and central eastern regions of the City.

Ethnic Diversity: The City is a true "melting pot" with a diverse ethnic mixture. Based on the 1980 Census, 13 percent of the residents report no specific ancestry, 38 percent report multiple ancestry, while 49 percent

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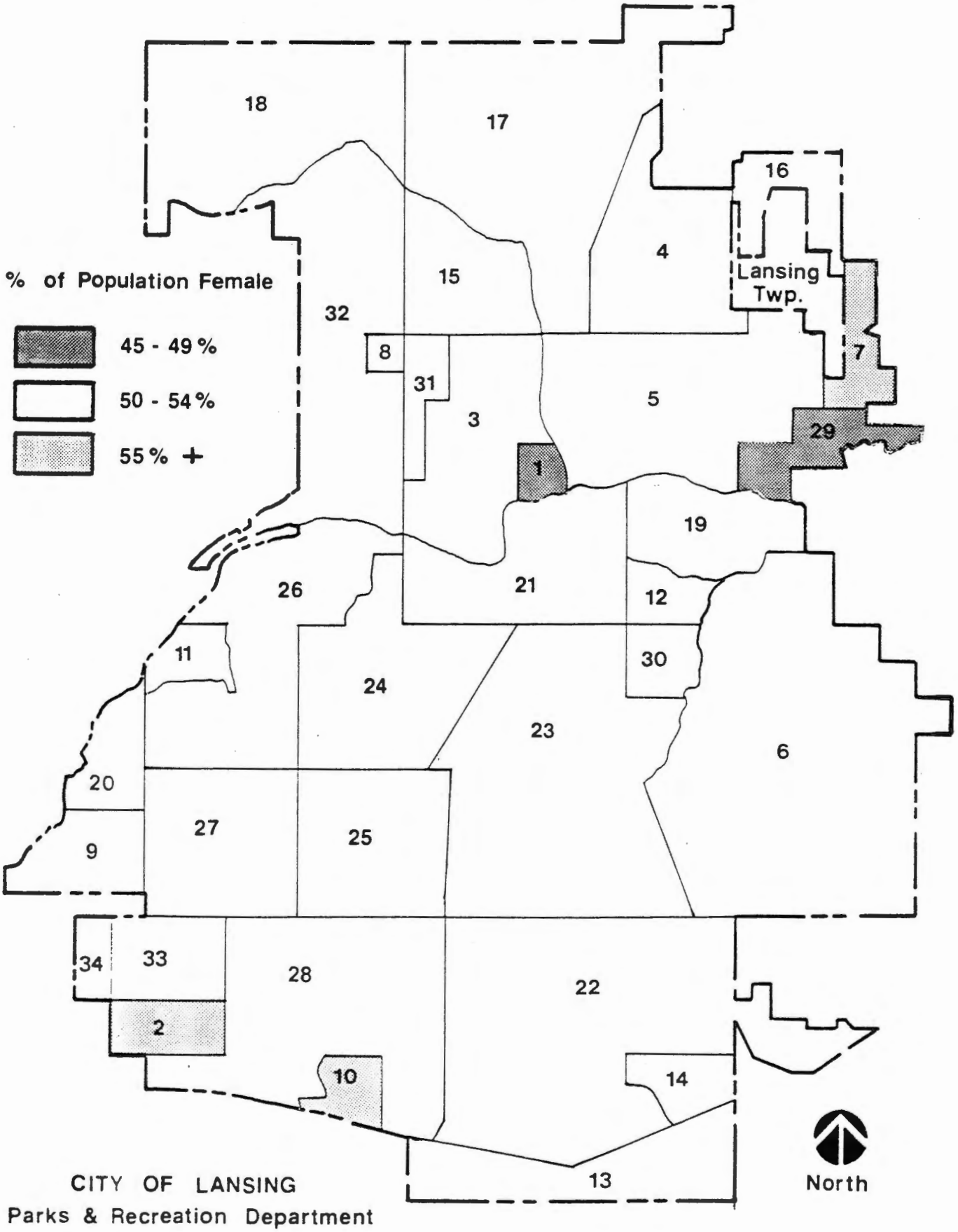
1980 - CENSUS



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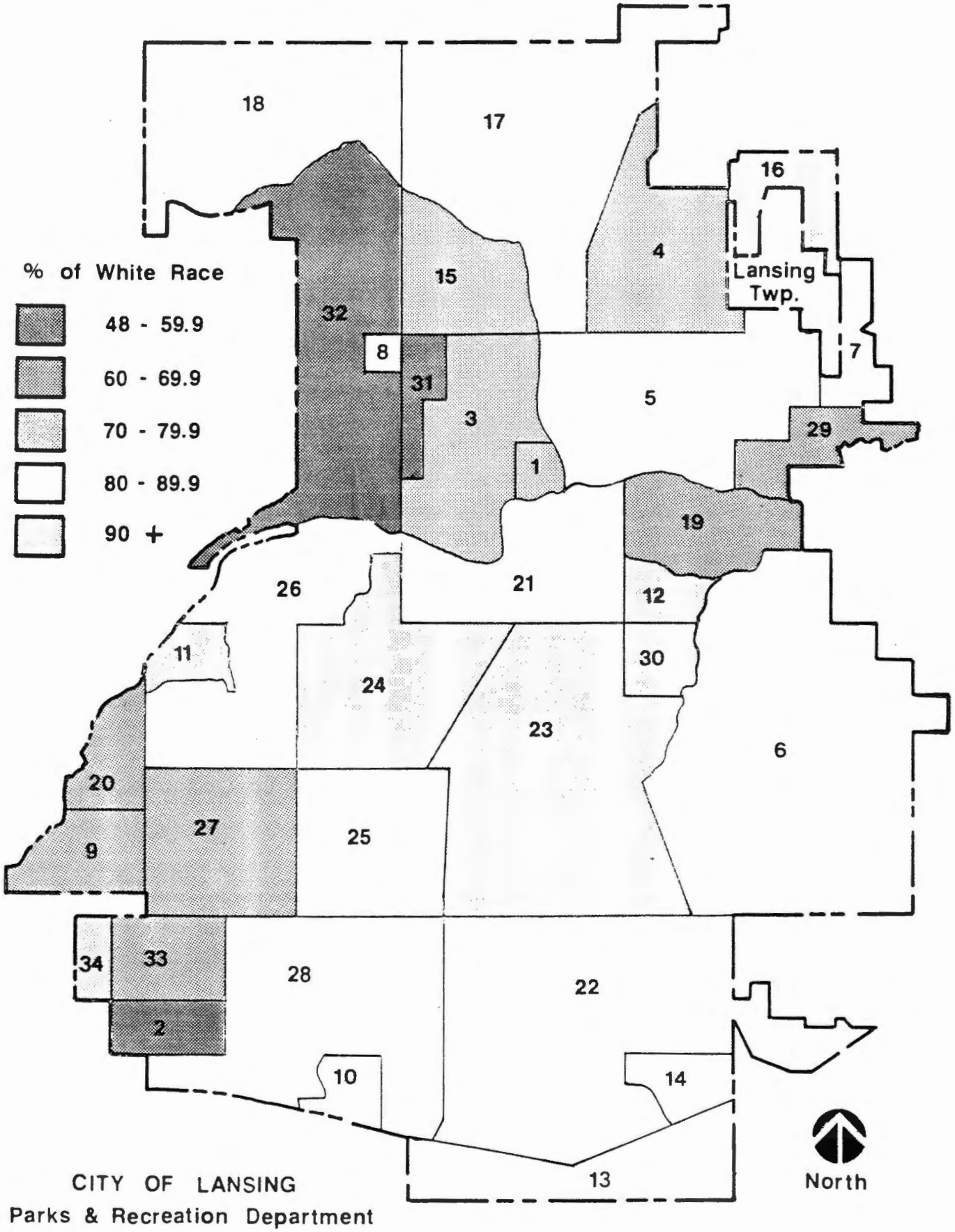

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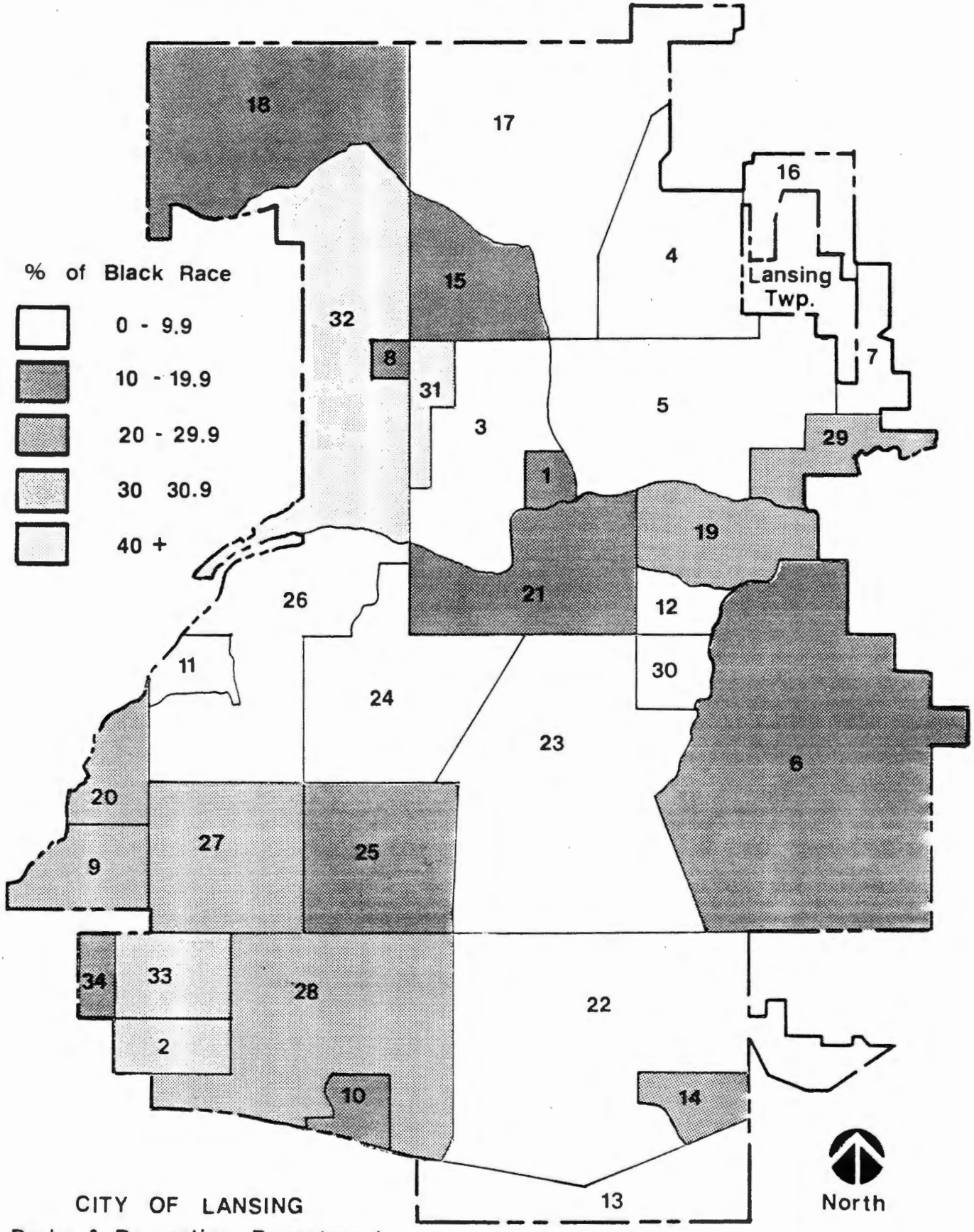

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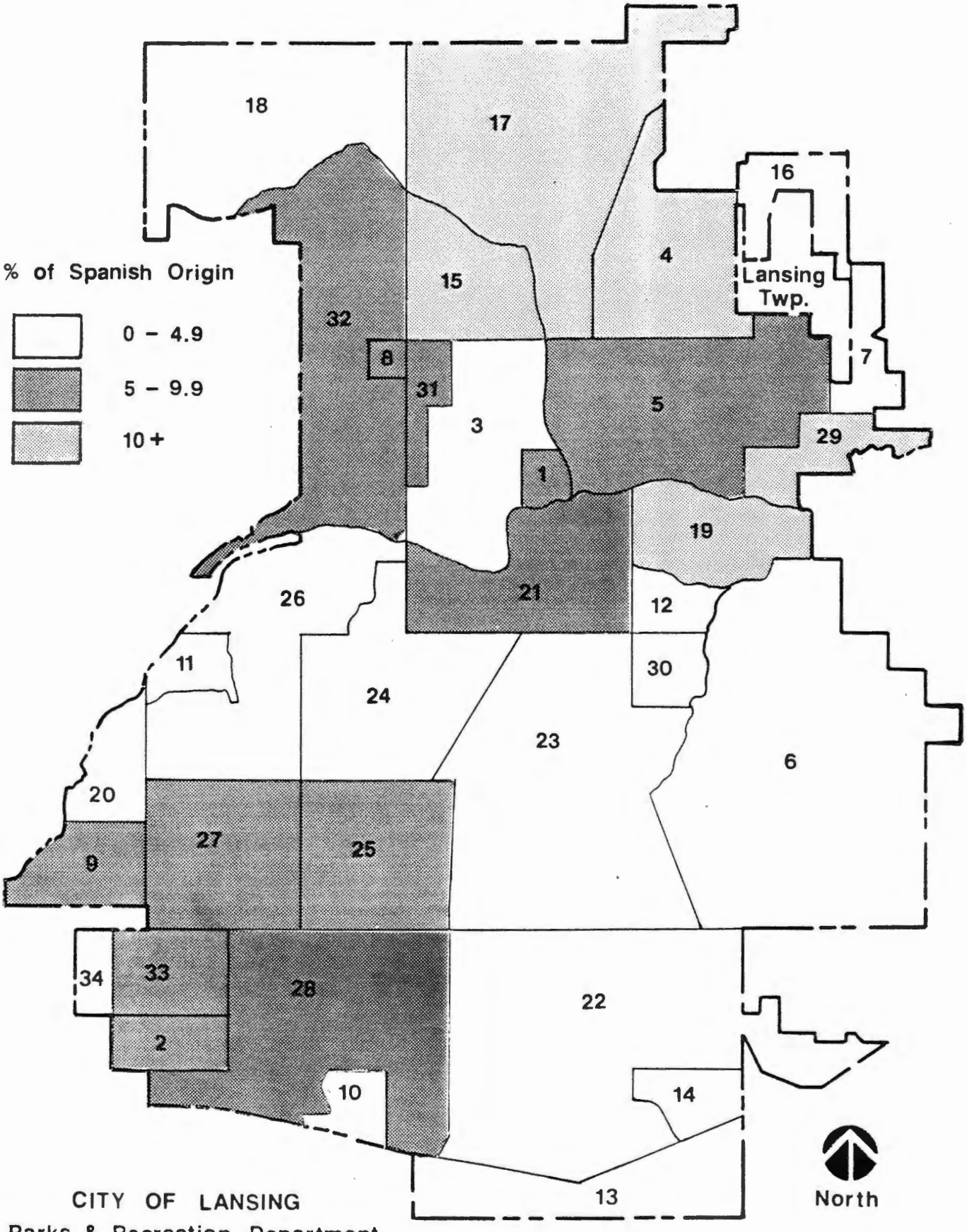

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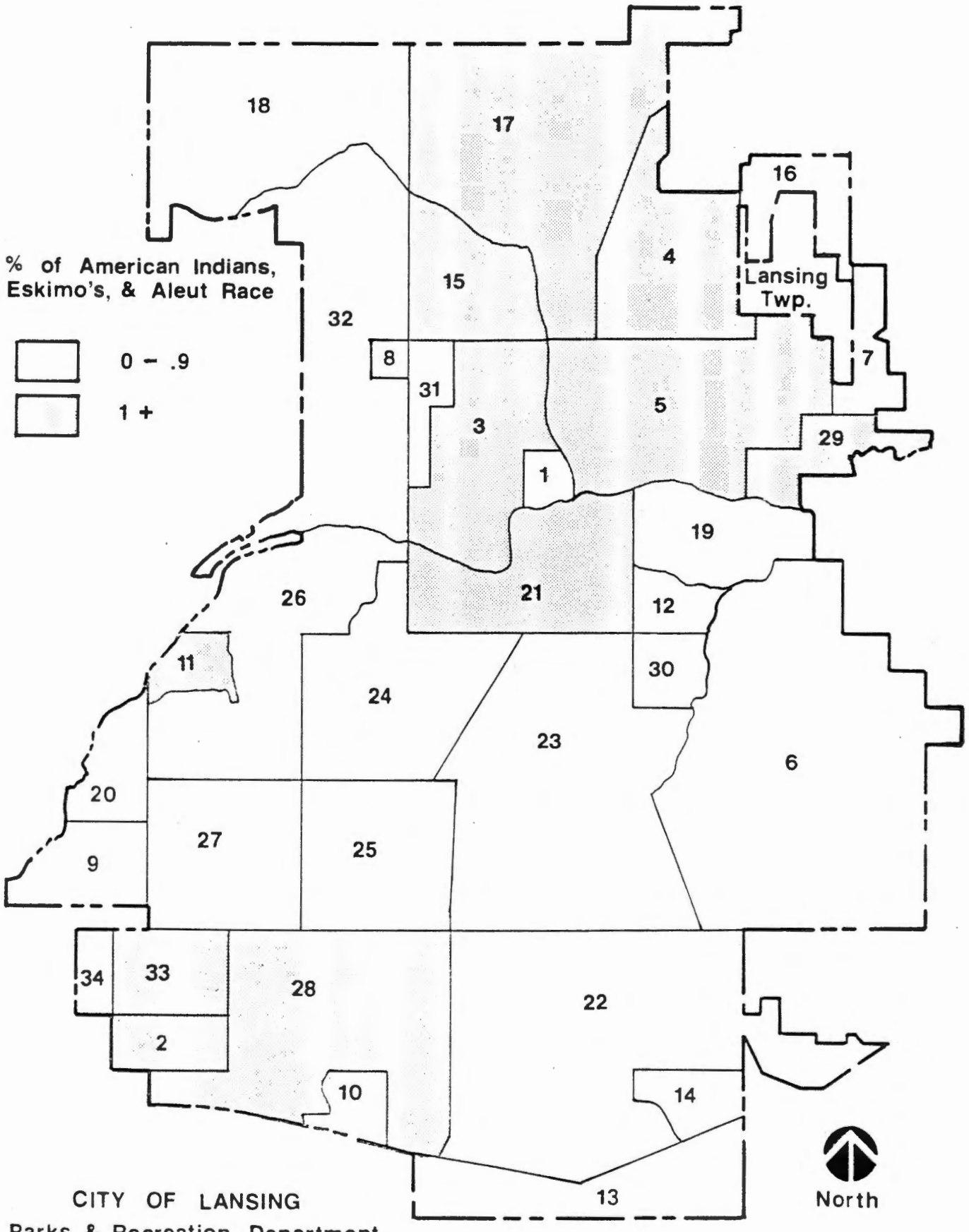

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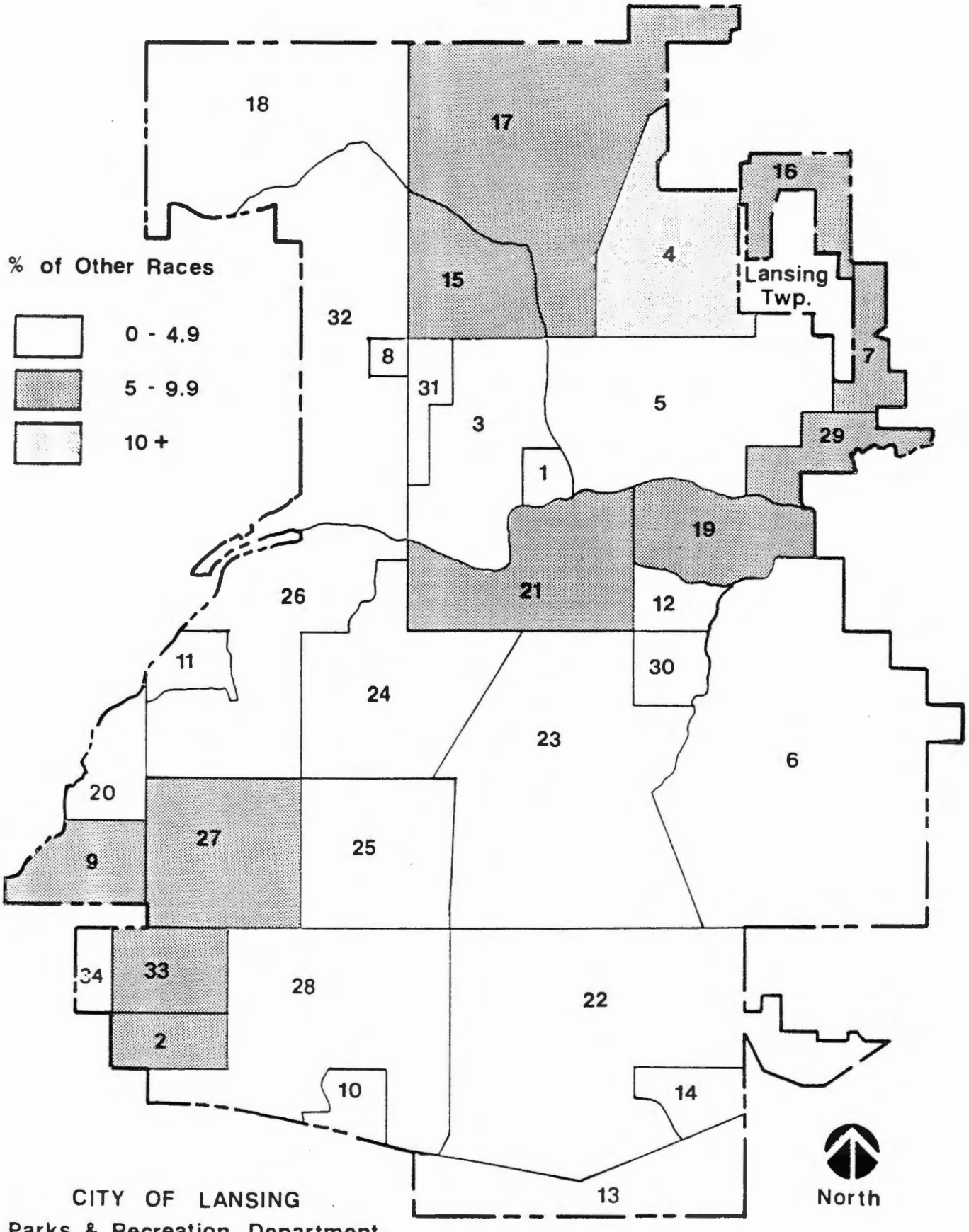

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report a single ancestry group. The reported single ancestry percentages are as follows:

English	22.0%
Dutch	2.0%
French	1.8%
German	17.0%
Greek	.7%
Hungarian	.5%
Irish	6.2%
Italian	1.9%
Norwegian	.5%
Polish	2.8%
Portuguese	.0%
Russian	.2%
Scottish	1.0%
Swedish	.9%
Ukrainian	.2%
Other	42.3%

Work Disability Status/Handicapped: No specific figures could be found for the number of residents which are handicapped. The closest and most workable number was 84,945 persons from the Work Disability Status numbers from the 1980 Census for people aged 16-64 years. Of these people, 10 percent work with a disability, 5 percent are not in the labor force, and 4 percent are prevented from working. Neighborhood areas of concentration are shown on the map on page 165. The Department's 1990 disability

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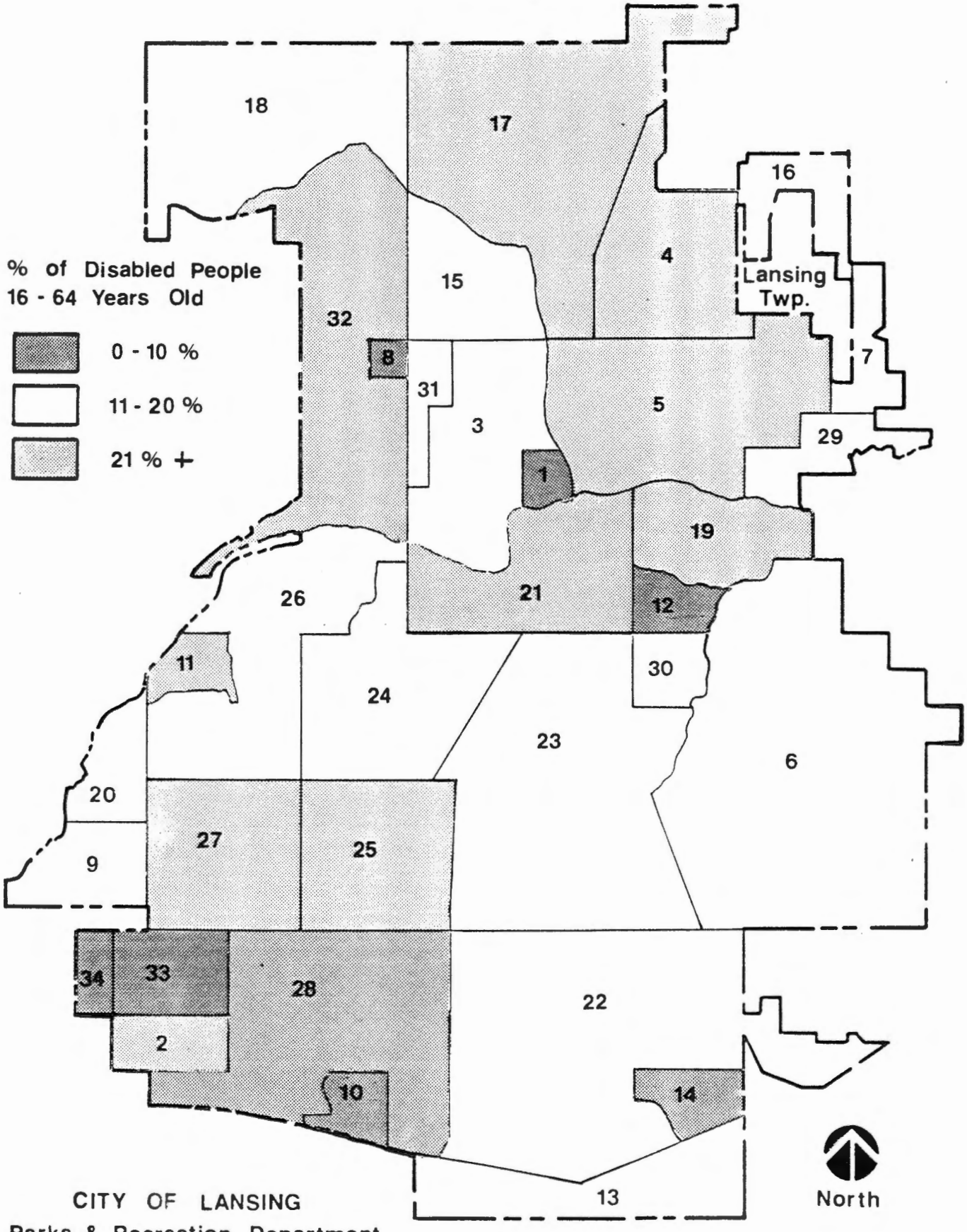
1980 - CENSUS



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Parks and Recreation Survey recorded that 11.3% of the households indicated that they have a handicapped household member.

Unemployment: Seventy-four percent of the residents 16 years and over were recorded as being in the City's labor force in the 1980 census. Persons 16 years and over that were out of the work force fifteen or more weeks numbered 6,446 or 4.9 percent of the City's residents. Total persons listed as unemployed were 17,457, or 13.4 percent of the residents. It is important to note that this is 1980 Census data, but current areas of concentrated unemployment are probably similar. Neighborhood concentrations are represented on the map on page 167.

Economic Levels: The neighborhood maps depict the percentage of the population in the neighborhoods that have incomes between $0 -$15,000, $15,000-25,000, $25,000-$35,000, and those households above $35,000. The neighborhood maps are useful in identifying low income areas as well as the sectors of the City which may depend on the City for a greater portion of their recreational needs. Based on 1979 income levels, from the 1980 U.S. Census data, 43.7 percent of the households have incomes below $15,000, 28.9 percent between $15,000 and $25,000, 16.7 percent between $25,000 and $35,000, and 10.5 percent have incomes over $35,000. The mean family income recorded was $19,031 with a median income of $16,975. Areas with the lowest recorded incomes appear to be in the central to northeast regions of the City, while higher income neighborhoods appear in the western central, the extreme northwest and the extreme northeast ares of the City.

Low Income Neighborhoods: The map on page 172 depicts four neighborhoods within the City which have been determined to be low income neighborhoods as determined by the City of Lansing Planning and Municipal Development Division.

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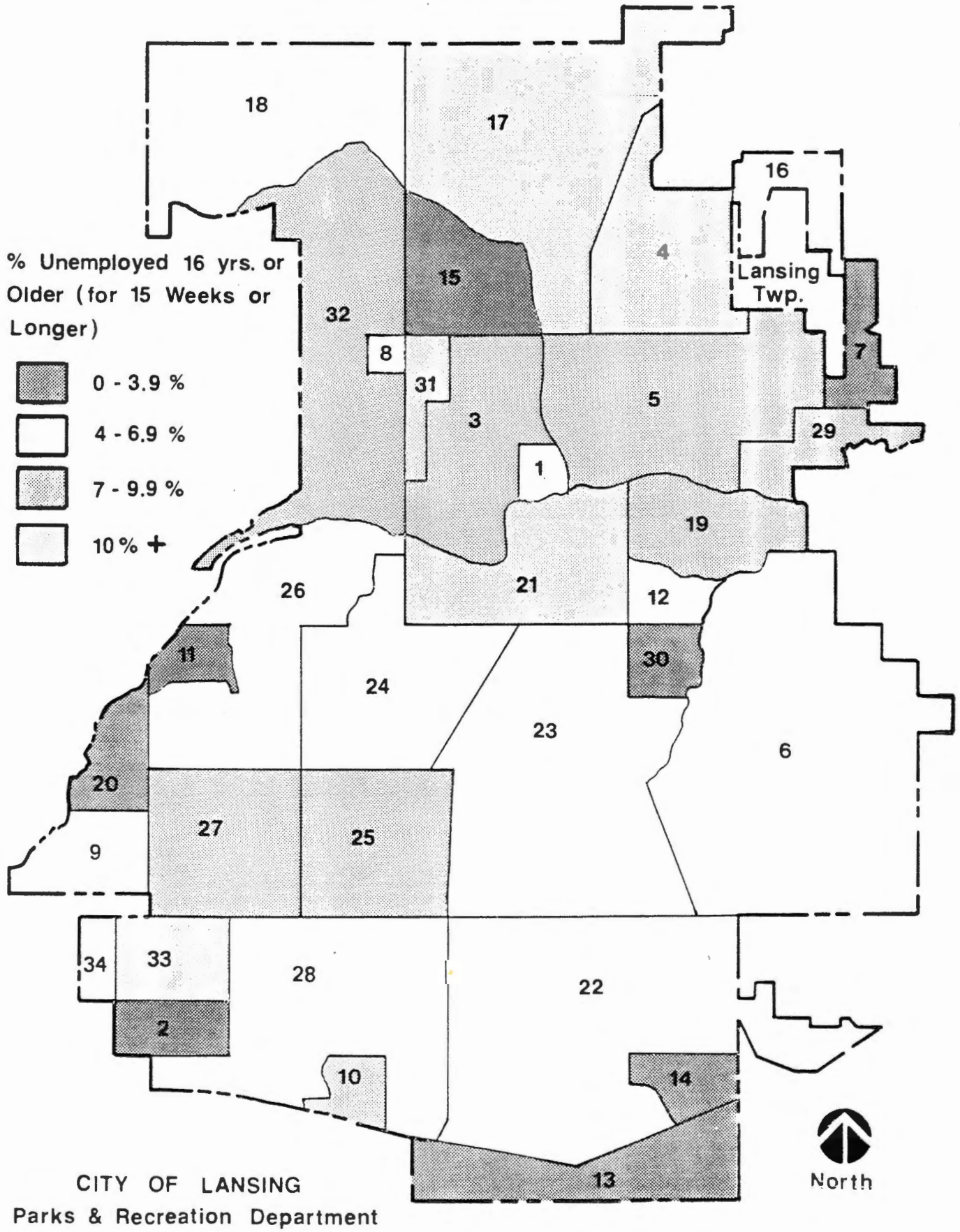

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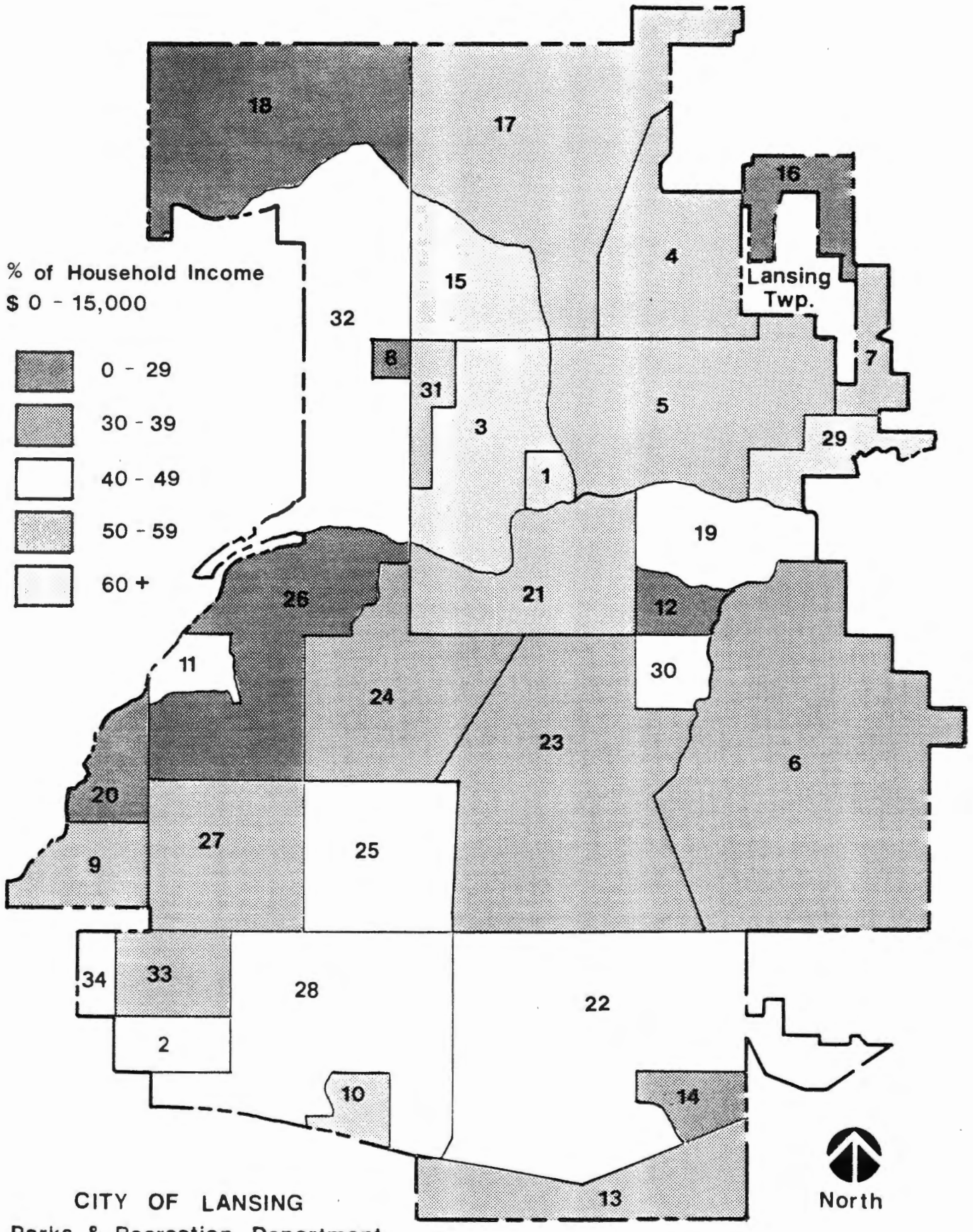

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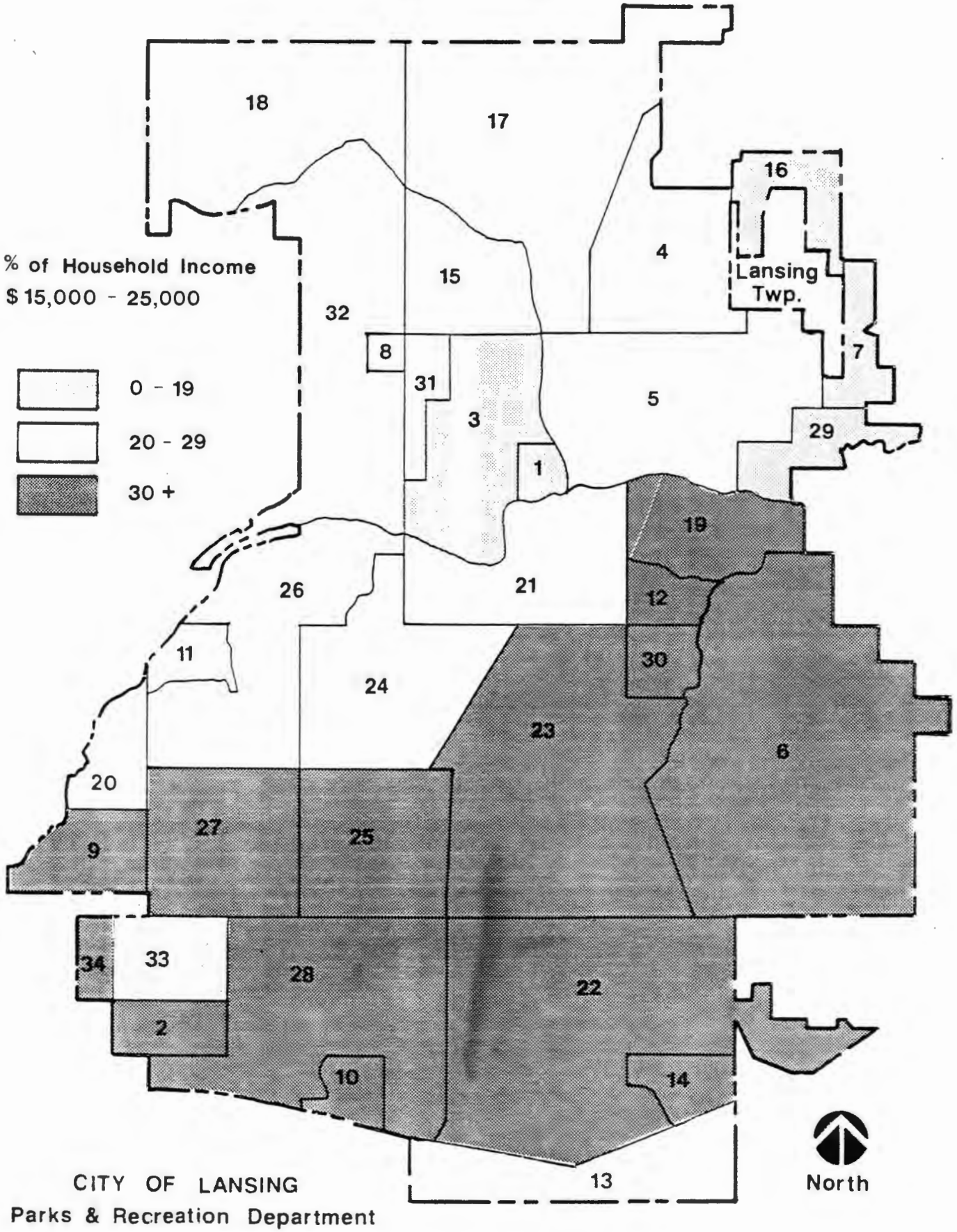

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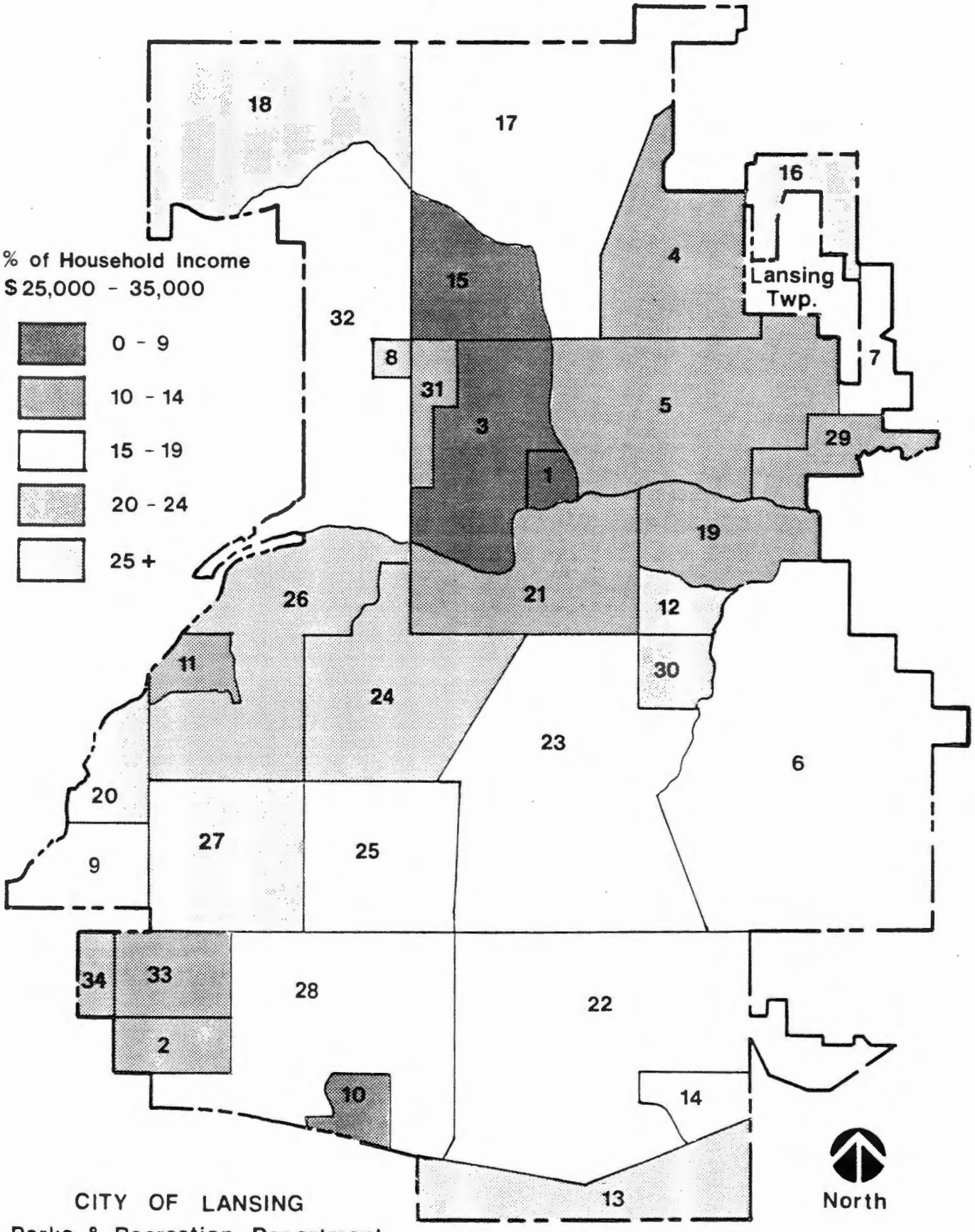

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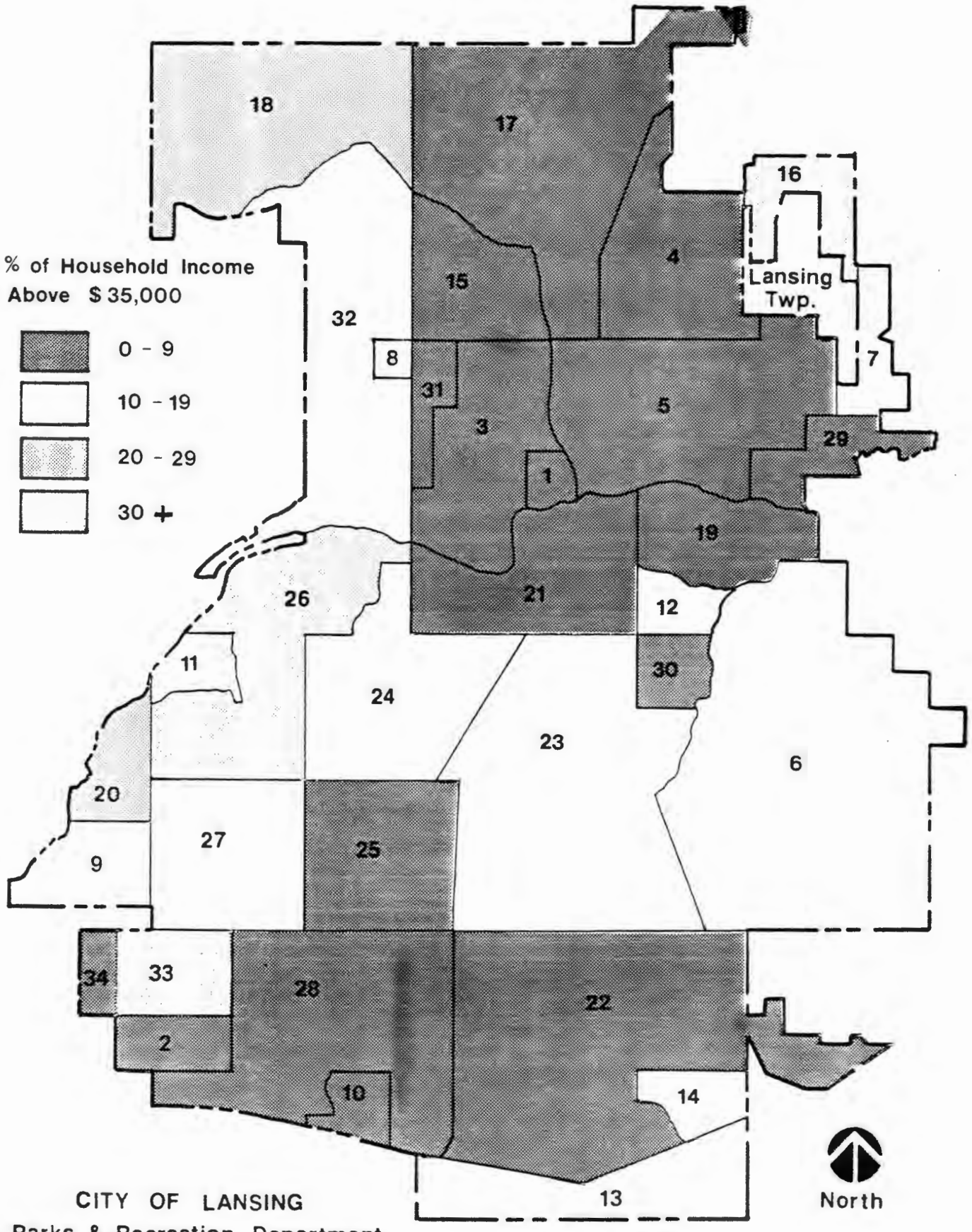

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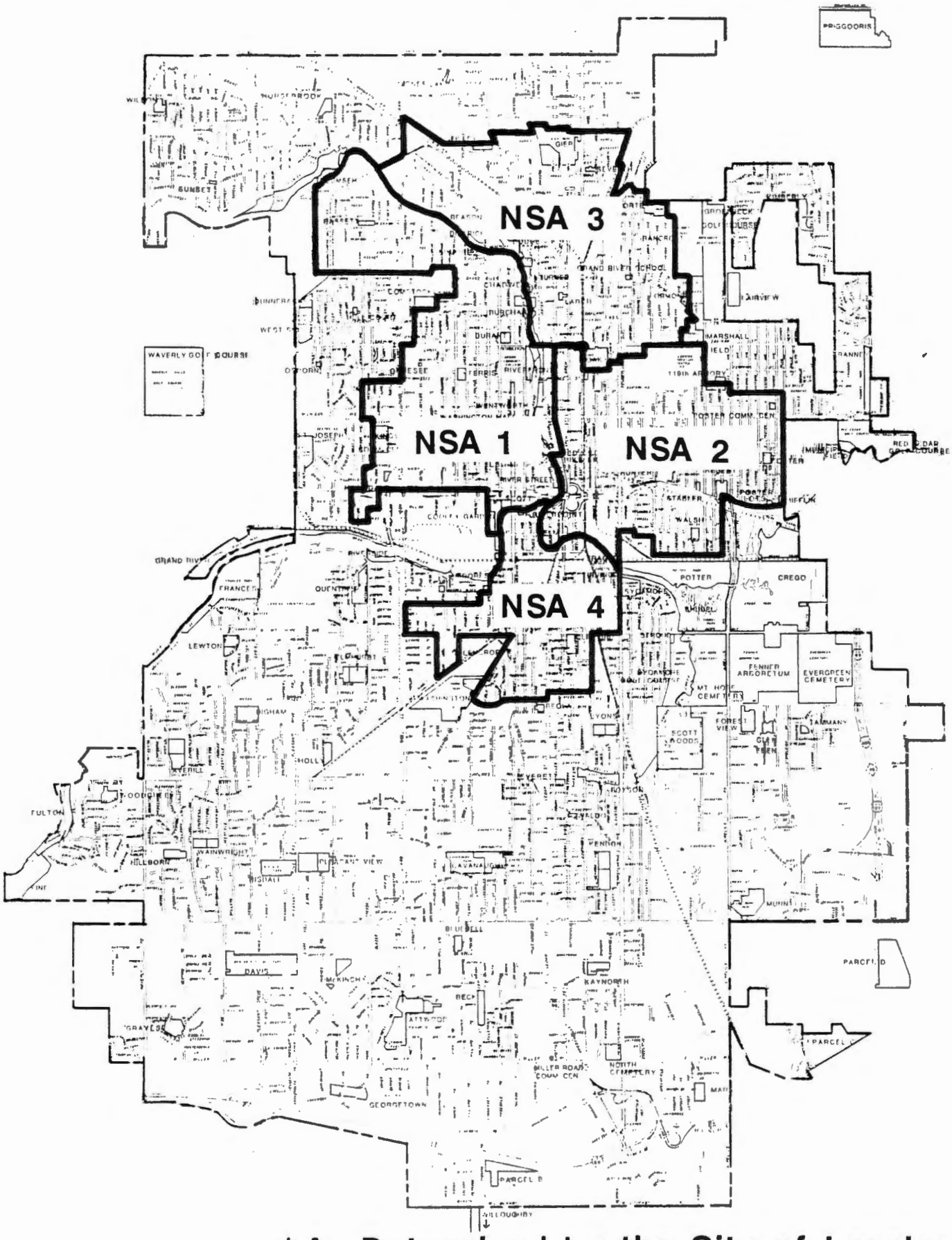
Low Income Neighborhoods



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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The City of Lansing is primarily an urban environment. The small remaining areas which have not been built upon are under several forms of ownership. The primary land holders of undeveloped public land is owned by the City of Lansing, Lansing School District, and the publicly owned Board of Water and Light. Michigan State University also has ownership of a research tract known as Bear Lake. Resources held by the Parks and Recreation Department include numerous acres of river frontage and wetlands. Suburbs generally encapsulate the City along its incorporated limits.

Water Resources: The City of Lansing is very fortunate to have both the Grand and Red Cedar Rivers as well as Sycamore Creek flowing through its limits as depicted on the Water Resource Map on page 174.

The Grand River flows into the City across the western boundary flowing east to the central region of the City where it is joined by the Red Cedar River. The Grand River then flows north through downtown and then flows westward to exit the City flowing toward Grand Rapids. The Red Cedar River enters the City on the eastern boundary at Michigan State University and flows west until it joins the Grand River just south of downtown. The Sycamore Creek flows north through the southern region of the City and joins the Red Cedar River at Shubel Park.

The acquisition of river frontage has been an important aspect of park planning since the early 1920's. Currently the Department maintains a 4.2 mile River Trail for foot and bicycle traffic along the Grand and Red Cedar Rivers interconnecting several parks, The City of Lansing and the Board of Water and Light together own over 22 miles of the

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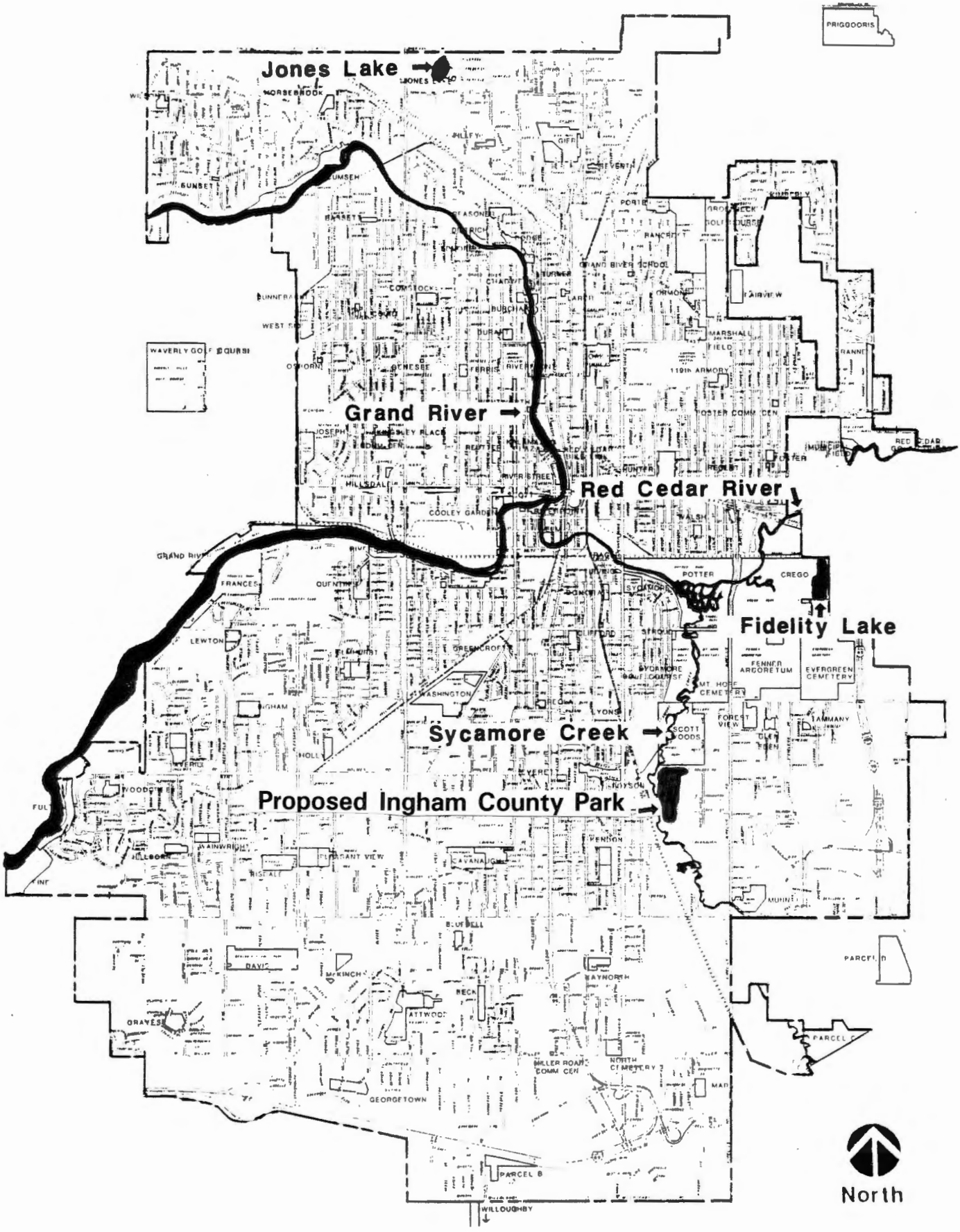
Water Resources



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32 miles of river frontage within the City limits. It is the intent of the City to continue with the acquisition and development of riverfront land parcels for public use and enjoyment.

The Department also retains ownership of Fidelity Lake located within Crego Park. Fidelity Lake was created as a borrow pit during the construction of Expressway 127, and is sufficient in size and water quality to support aquatic life and a fish population. The Department maintains a small park which provides public access to Jones Lake, a small lake in the northern region of the City. Public access is available to a large water filled borrow pit at Sycamore Woods, which is one of several water filled pits in that region of the City. No other major bodies of water exist within Lansing.

Soils: Most of the soils in Lansing are disturbed urban soils and are classified as a Marlett-Capac Association with well drained to poorly drained loamy soils. With the Grand and Red Cedar Rivers and Sycamore Creek, the City has a large ratio of land within the flood plain subject to periodic flooding and silting.

Topography: In general there is very little grade change in elevation within the City except for areas which lie upon the Mason Glacial Esker. The rivers and creek banks are from 0'-10' in height with a very gradual rise up from the banks. Grade change usually does not effect the land's usability to as great of an extent as the flood plain's limitations.

Vegetation: Being a built environment, the City's vegetation is primarily that which has been planted. The park lands contain a large amount of Oak, Ash and Maple in the drier areas with Black Locust, Willows, Box Elder, and Cottonwoods along the river banks. In most areas the underbrush is maintained and the areas mowed, but a few areas do

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allow natural succession of vegetation.

Fish and Wildlife: The City relies on its water resources, as well as the natural areas, for experiences with the natural environment and wildlife. The Grand River is used by many sportsmen and casual anglers for recreational enjoyment. Fenner Nature Center, Crego Natural Area, and Scott Woods offer excellent locations for the study of habitats. Potter Park Zoo also offers additional opportunities for habitat and animal study for both North American and world wide habitats.

Proposed Land Use: The City has a very active and extensive Department of Planning and Municipal Development. The Planning Division is responsible for current development as well as proposed land use planning. Proposed land uses for all zoned areas are shown on the Proposed Land Use Maps. The Proposed Land Use Maps are included starting on page 177.

Circulation: The Circulation Maps illustrate the major transportation patterns within the City as prepared by the Department of Planning and Municipal Development and begin on page 182.

Bus Routes: Buses for public transportation are owned and operated by the Capitol Area Transportation Authority (CATA). The map on page 186 depicts the extensive bus routes available. The availability of public transportation allows many of the parks and community centers to be more accessible to residents who otherwise would have difficulty in reaching the facilities. Certain CATA facilities are equipped for physically handicapped persons.

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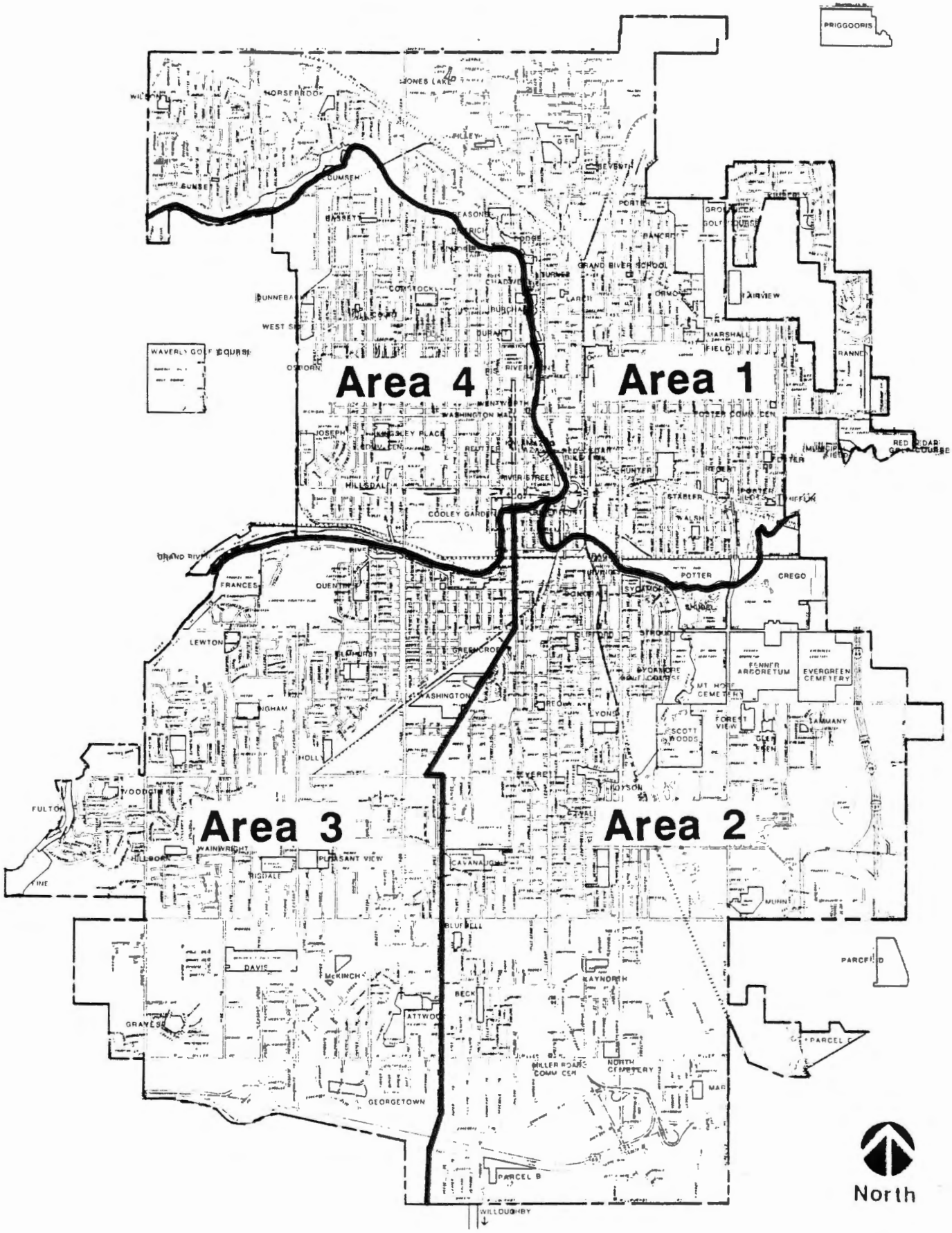
Base Map for Proposed Land Use and Circulation Maps



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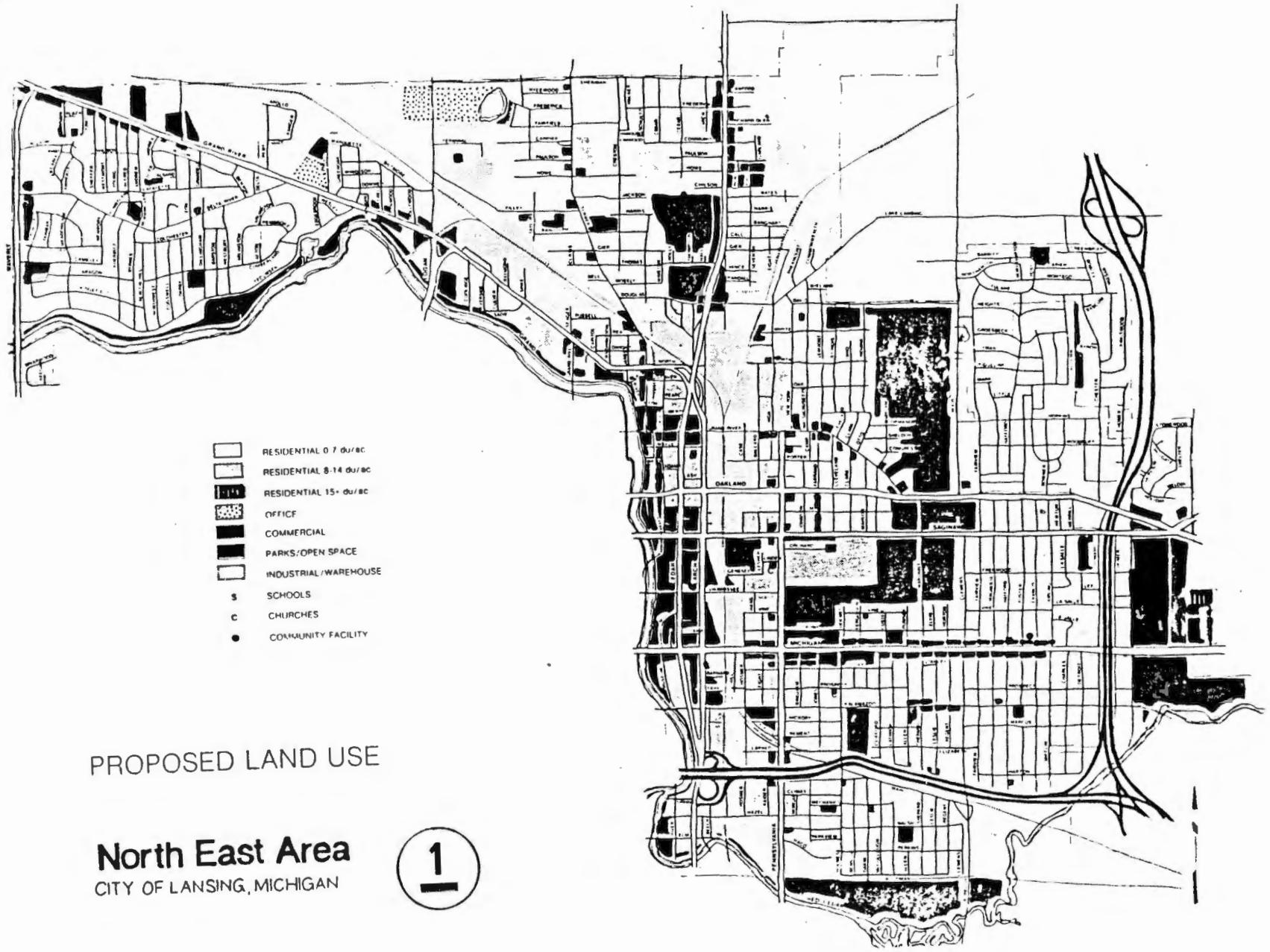

PROPOSED LAND USE

North East Area

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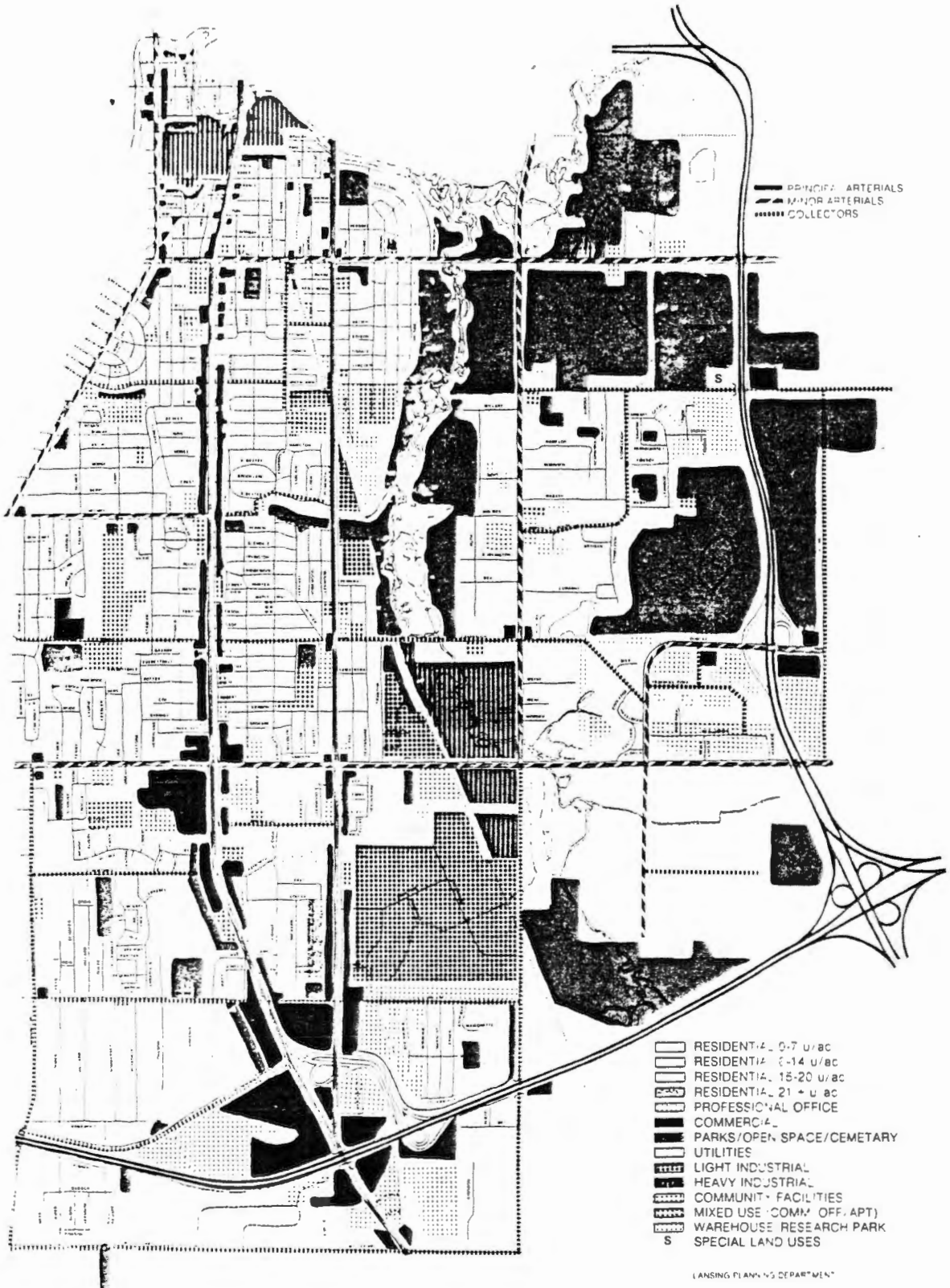

PROPOSED LAND USE

SOUTHEAST AREA COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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SOUTHWEST AREA COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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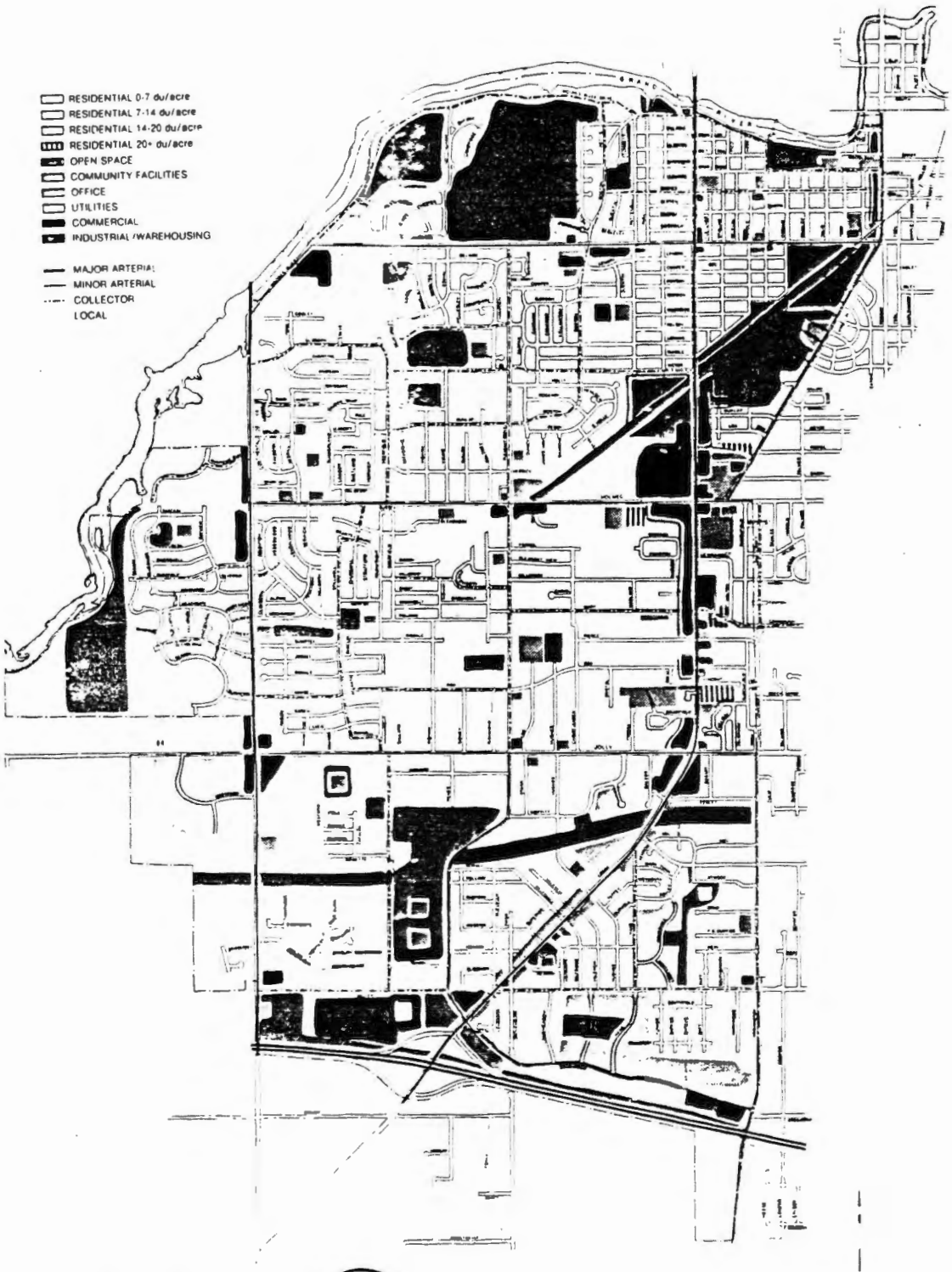

South West Area
CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN

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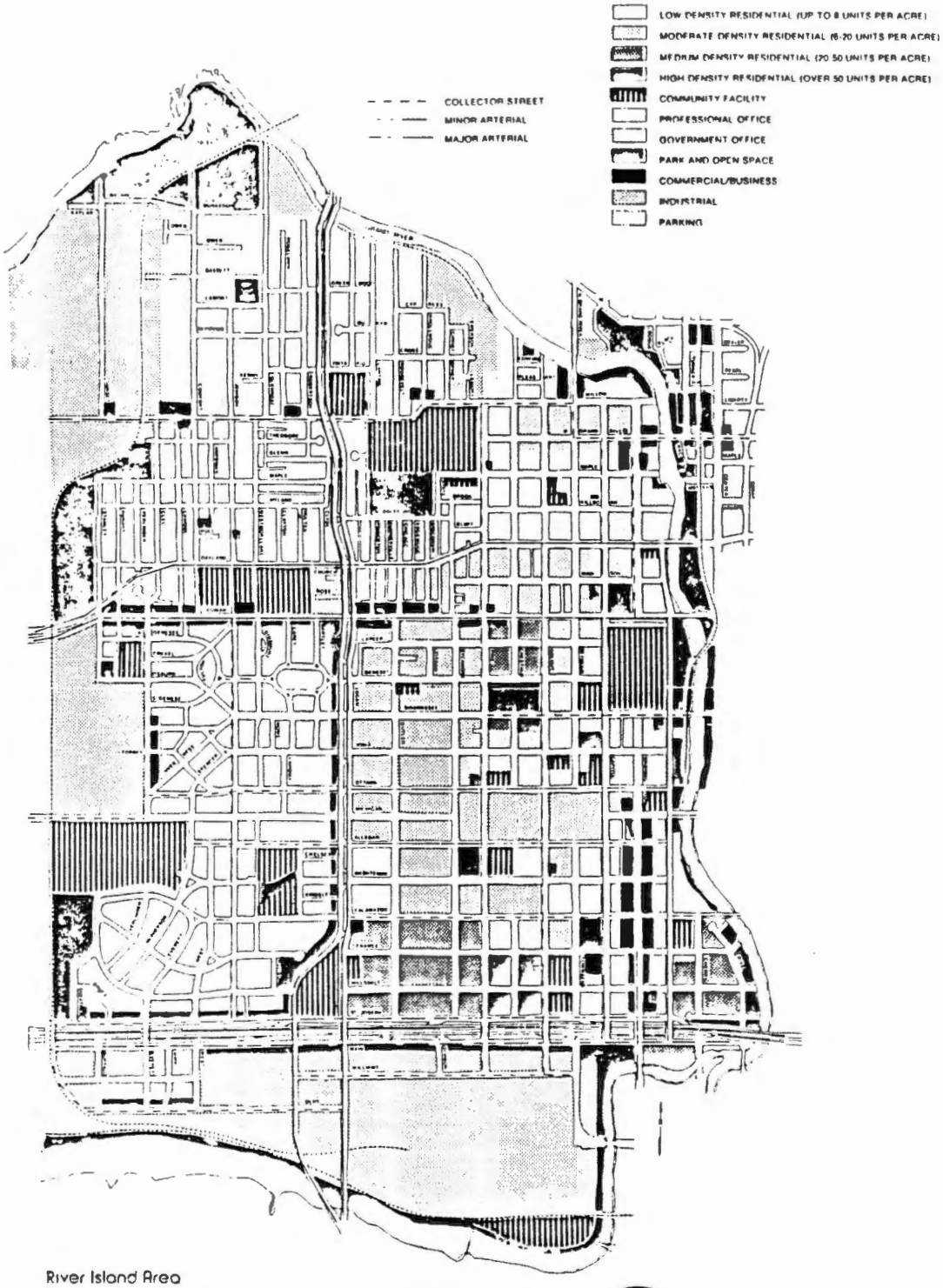

River Island Area
Comprehensive Plan

PROPOSED LAND USE

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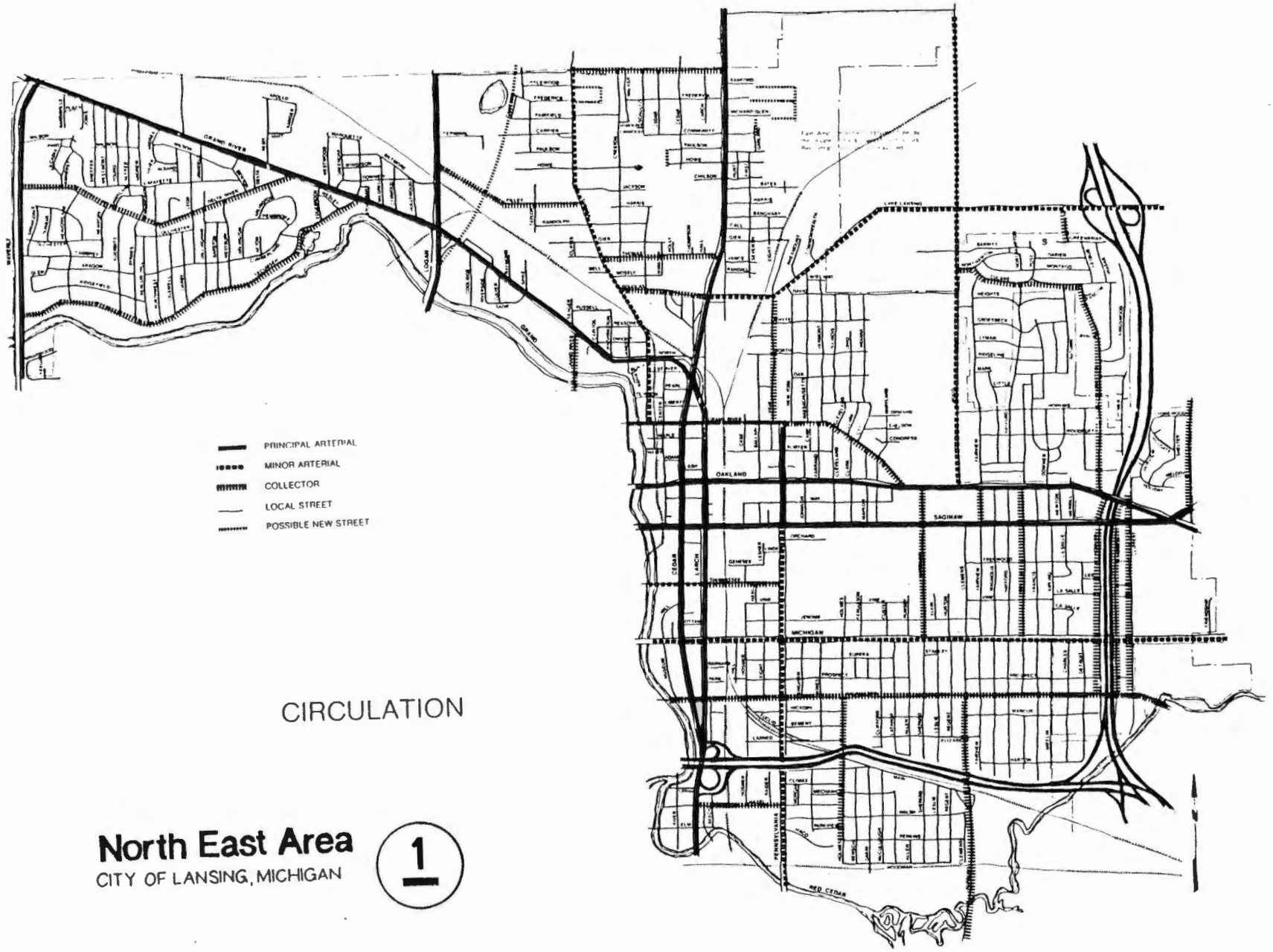

CIRCULATION

North East Area

CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN

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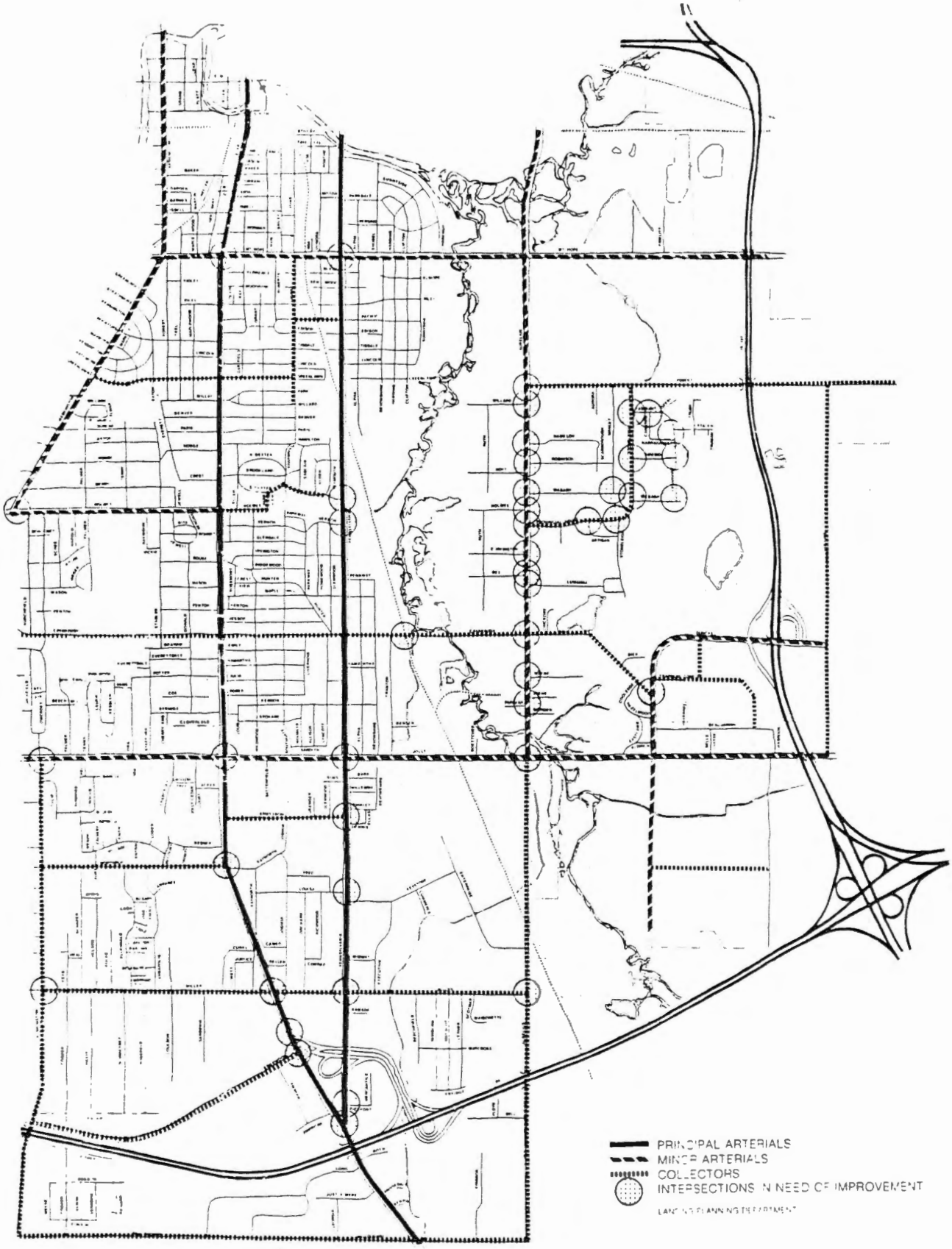

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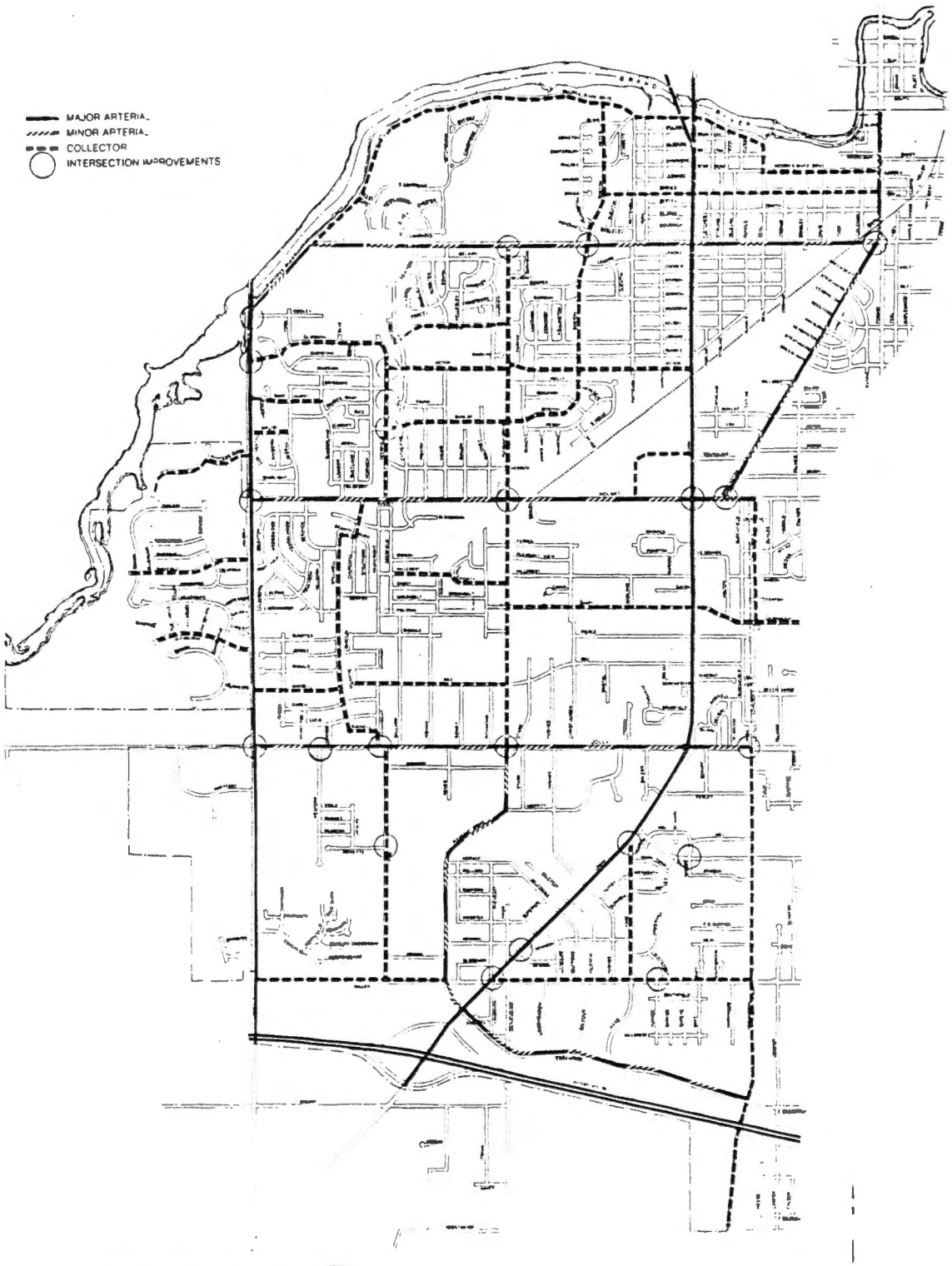

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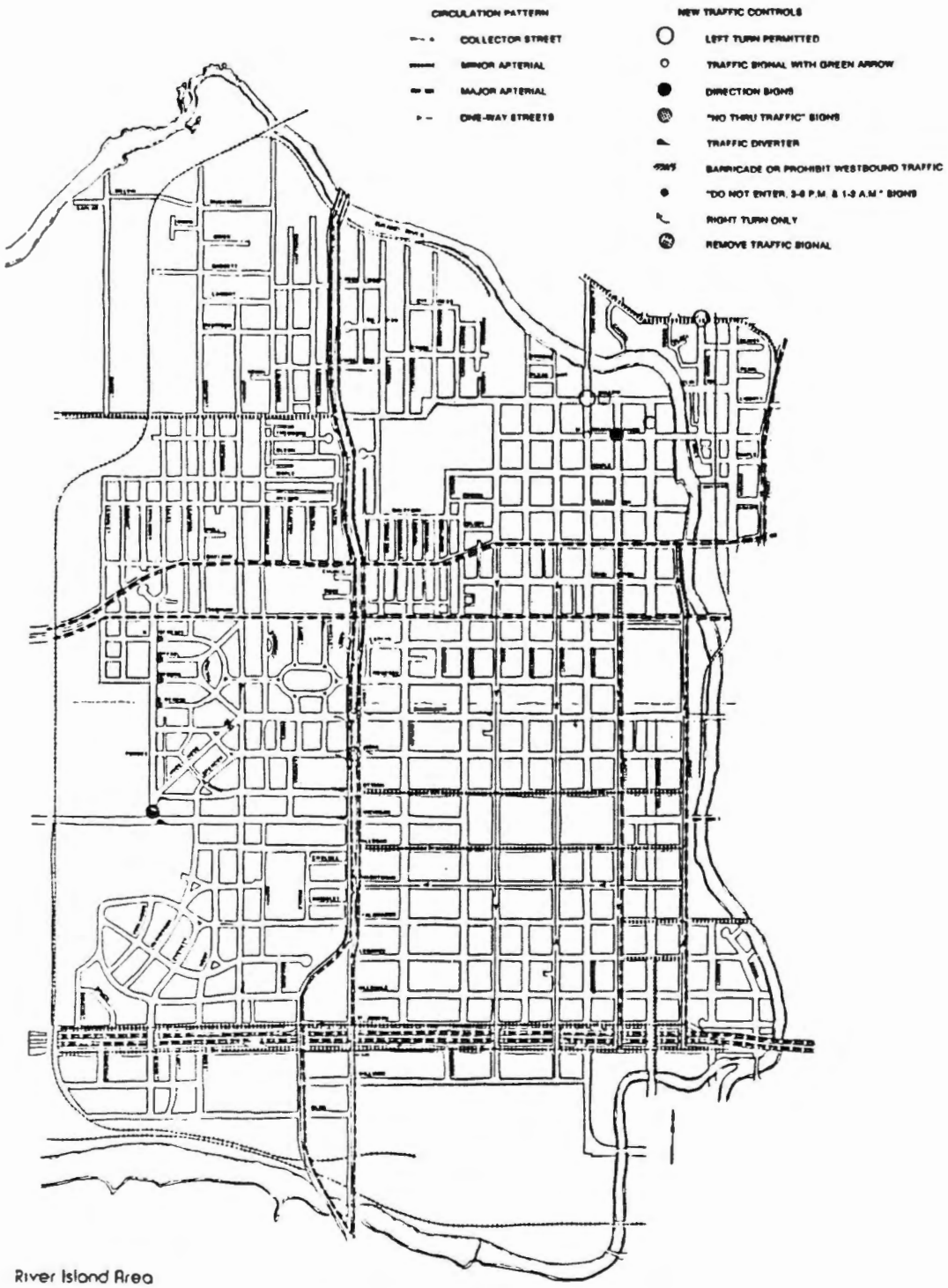

River Island Area
Comprehensive Plan

CIRCULATION 4

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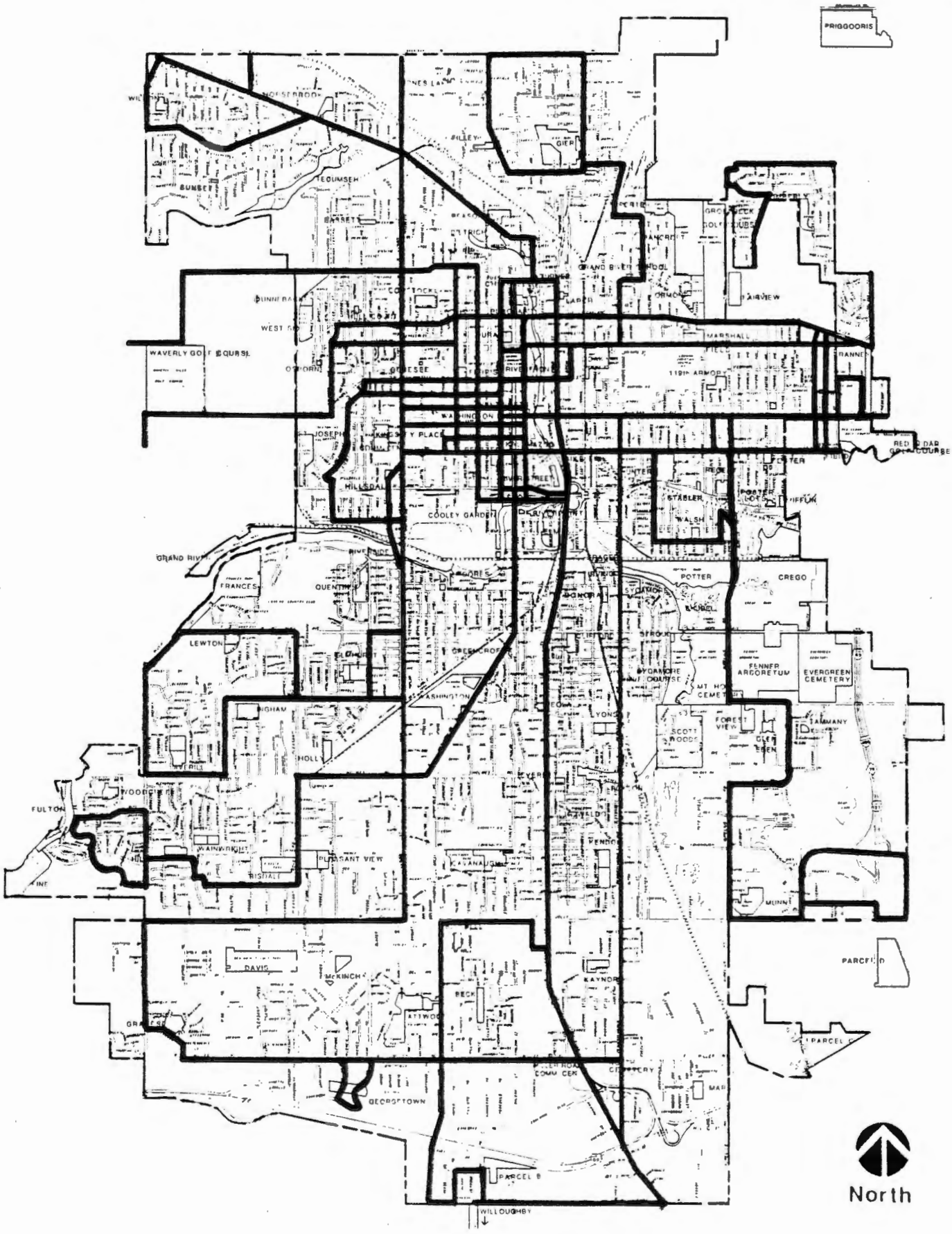
CATA Bus Route Map



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Contaminated Sites: The Parks and Recreation Department currently has three sites which have been identified as being environmentally contaminated and are located on the map on page 188. In 1988, the Lansing voters approved an $18 million bond issue for the purpose of toxic waste clean up located on properties owned by the City of Lansing. Investigation and cleanup of the several sites are currently in process. Sites in which the Parks and Recreation Department are involved in are:

Crego Park: PCB contaminates have been identified in a reasonably contained area. No current evidence of contamination of the Red Cedar River or Fidelity Lake has been found. A plan for removal of the PCB's and a schedule for the work has been completed and work is expected to begin in 1990.

Paulson Park: Paulson Park is the site of an old City dump prior to many of the restrictions which currently exist in regards to contaminative substances. The ground water within the site has been further contaminated by leaching from two adjacent old industrial sites. Therefore a composite of contaminates have been found on the site. Currently a plan for the cleanup is being prepared.

Garden St. Site: This site was scheduled for a small neighborhood park prior to the discovery of the contamination of the ground water from diesel fuel on the abandoned industrial site. This site is part of a large clean up effort currently in process on adjacent properties now owned by the City.

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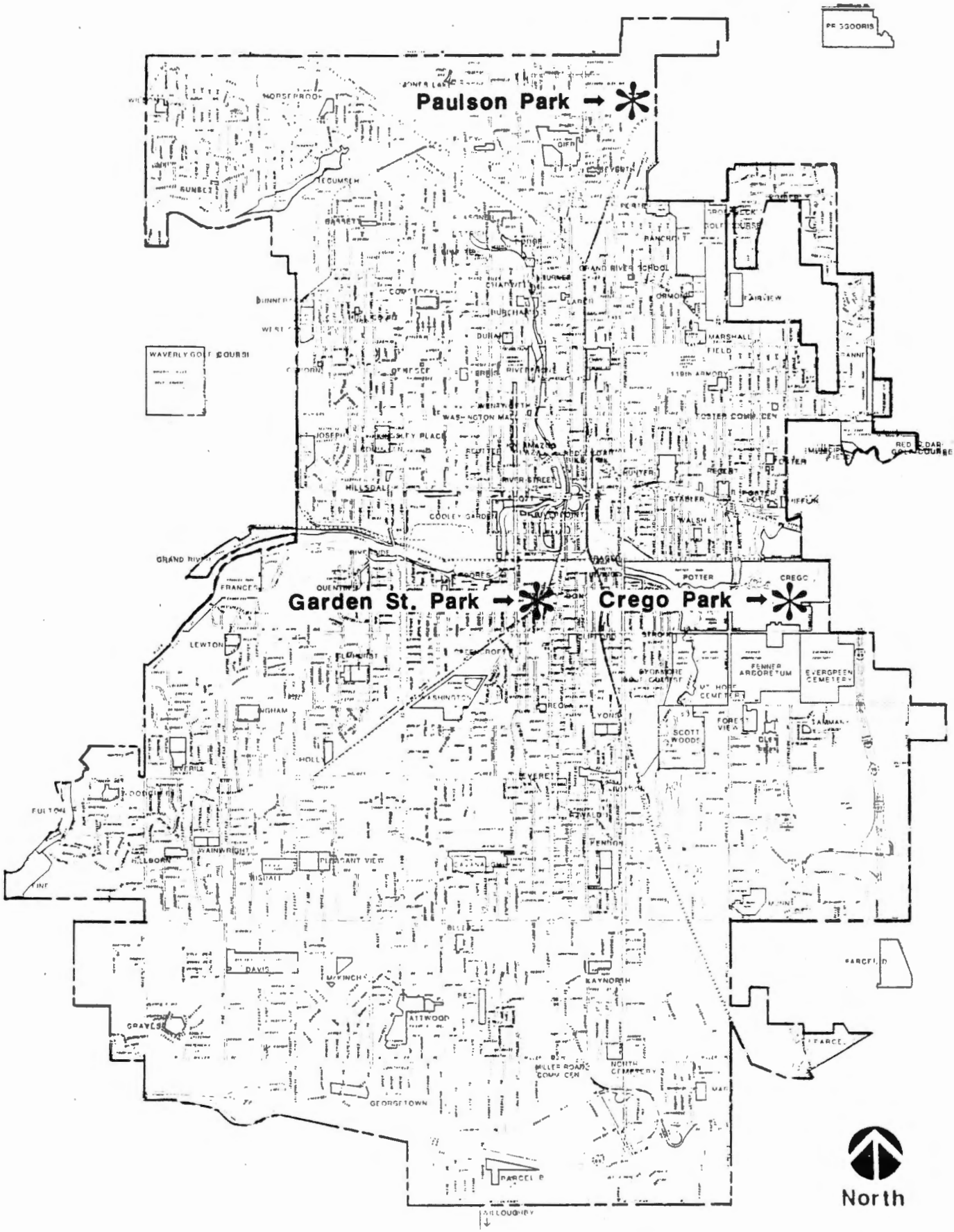
CONTAMINATED SITES



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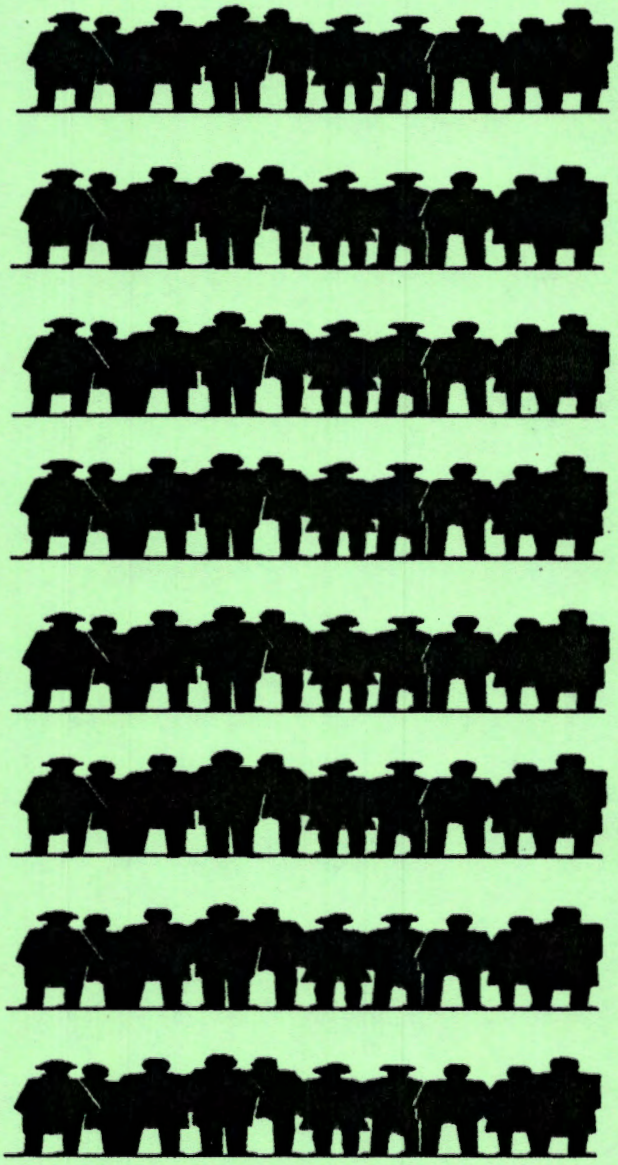

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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Form of Government/Mayor: The City of Lansing is a Mayor-Council form of government based on the revised City Charter approved in August of 1978. The Mayor, who is responsible for the implementation and administration of City policy, is elected every four years. The office is currently held by **Mayor Terry J. Mckane,** who was reelected in November of 1989 to serve from 1990-1993.

City Council: The City Council is comprised of eight members serving four year terms, whereby four members represent individual political wards and four members are elected at large. Below is a list of each of the members and the year in which they were elected.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

1st Ward	Patrick Lindemann
2nd Ward	Alfreda Schmidt
3rd Ward	Tony Benavides
4th Ward	Charles E. Ford
At Large	Louis Adado
At Large	Lucile Belen
At Large	James A. Crawford
At Large	Sidney Worthington

The City Council is policy making in form, with the authority identified as that of determining City policy by the passage of resolutions and ordinances, and final adoption of the City Budget.

Park Board: The Department is assisted by a citizen based Park Board which serves the Department in an advisory capacity. Members of the Park Board are appointed to four year terms by the Mayor and approved by City Council as provided for in the 1978 City Charter. The Park Board meets the third Wednesday of every month within City Hall or at various park facility locations. Current members of the Board are as follows:

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PARK BOARD MEMBERS

1st Ward	Ronald M. Gillum
2nd Ward	Dorothy Kowalski
3rd Ward	Charles R. Browning
4th Ward	Ron Lott
At Large	Russell C. Barnes
At Large	Barry G. Crown
At Large	Judith Filice
At Large	George M. Harlow, Jr.

The Park Board is advisory in nature. Regular monthly meetings are held to review the progress and concerns of the Department and to ensure that all activities are in accordance with accepted City policy. The Board itself may propose changes in the Department's operations for the purpose of making the Department or program more effective. Proposed policies and programs, or changes in existing policies or programs requiring Council action must be submitted by the Department Director to the Park Board prior to submission to the Mayor and Council for action. The Board in turn submits written recommendations concerning the proposals to the Mayor, along with the Department's proposal. When the Mayor submits the proposal to Council for action, the Board's recommendations are also forwarded. This same procedure is followed with regard to budgetary matters. Each year, prior to December 1st, the Board is required to prepare a written report evaluating the effectiveness of services and analyzing the status of priorities for services and activities of the Department.

Advisory Boards: The Department is also assisted by a number of specialized citizen advisory boards. These Boards or "Friends" organizations provide input concerning facility development and programming. They also provide many hours of volunteer support, as well as funding for many development projects and equipment at the facilities. The size and membership of these groups and boards vary from a few to several hundred. Each Board has established its own set of by-

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laws and several of the groups operate as non-profit corporations. The current support groups are as follows:

Baseball Advisory Board: Special concerns are baseball facilities, leagues, tournaments and the operation of concessions used to fund special recreational baseball projects.

Friends of Cooley Gardens: Support and participate in the continued renovation of the Cooley Gardens including funding and volunteer labor.

Friends of Fenner Arboretum and Nature Center: Support the Fenner facilities and programs through volunteer support of special events, special development projects, and advisory opinion on the Nature Center's growth and use.

Friends of the River: Support continued river front property acquisition by the Department, cleanup of the river banks and rivers, and advice concerning development within the flood plain.

Friends of Scott Art and Garden Center: Comprised of members of the numerous clubs which utilize the Scott House for meetings. The Friends recommend usages for the building and support continued restoration of the building and grounds.

Friends of Turner-Dodge House: Members provide a volunteer base for special events, advise on and support the continued renovation of the historic site, and provide project funding for various renovation efforts.

Foster Center Advisory Board: Provide advisement concerning the programming of the Foster Community Center as well as provide financial support for needed program materials.

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program materials.

Kingsley Center Advisory Board: Provide advisement concerning the programming of the Kingsley Community Center as well as provide financial support for needed program materials.

Potter Park Zoological Society: Provide volunteer and monetary support for special events, provide educational programs, and provide funding for improvements through concession sales and private donations.

Saf-T-Hockey Advisory Board: Supports the Saf-T-Hockey League through advisement and funding for the league.

Senior Board: Created by City Council ordinance, the Board advises on programming, facility management, and budget in conjunction with the Lansing Senior Center.

Softball Advisory Board: Supports the Softball sports programs through advisement and fund raising for softball equipment and facilities.

Washington Mall Board: Created by City Council ordinance, the Board advises on special events, promotions, maintenance, and new development in conjunction with the North and South Washington Mall.

Parks and Recreation Department: The Parks and Recreation Department, established by Section 4-305 of the City Charter, is responsible for the care, programming, and future planning of its many facilities and land holdings. These responsibilities are accomplished through the administration of a sizable full and part-time staff under the direction of the Director of Parks and Recreation, R. Eric Reickel. The Director accomplishes these tasks by the direction given from the Mayor in regard to carrying out the various City ordinances and policies.

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Department Divisions: The Parks and Recreation Department is comprised of three departmental divisions which are Office and Business Administration, Field Services, and Leisure and Special Recreation Services. An organizational chart on page 195 depicts the relationships and responsibilities of each of the divisions.

The **Office and Business Administration Division** is responsible for providing office management, clerical, personnel services, finance, purchasing, administration of the Cemeteries and Municipal Market, equipment maintenance, and security. Direction of the division is by the Deputy Director.

The **Field Services Division** is responsible for the year round maintenance of all parklands and publicly owned trees. Work often includes mowing, leaf removal, snow removal, trash pickup, and set-up of special events. Field Services is also responsible for the maintenance of the three cemeteries, operation and maintenance of the four golf courses, and operation of the Washington Ice Rink during the winter months. The Forestry unit is responsible for the care of the City's publicly owned trees including the street tree program as well as all trees located on City parklands. Responsibilities include the maintenance of tree nurseries, tree planting, tree maintenance and pruning, and tree removal.

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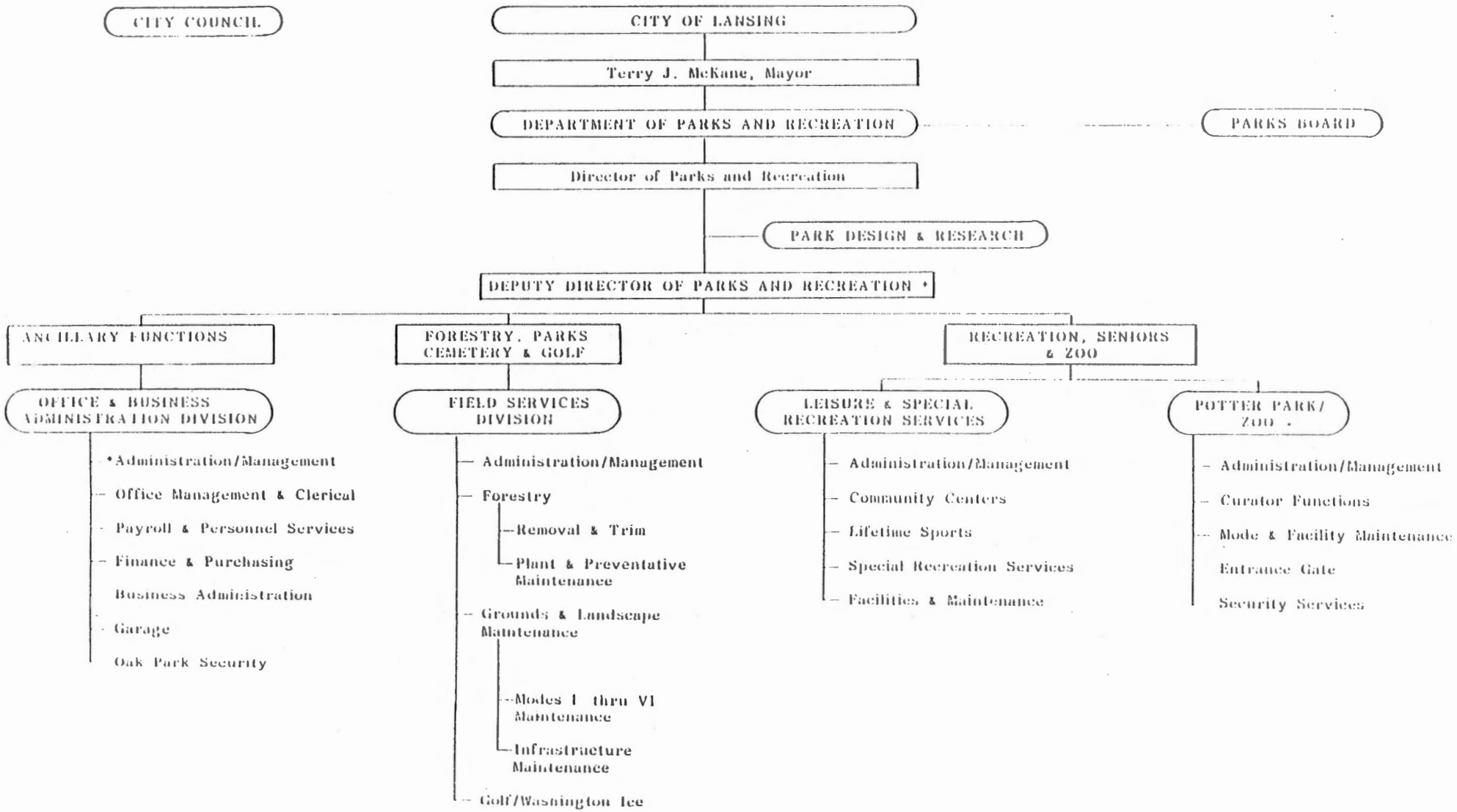

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Programming of the various facilities is the responsibility of the **Leisure and Special Recreation Services Division.** This division is responsible for the staffing and programming five community centers, scheduling and administering life time and competitive sports, special services such as handicapper programs and special events. Leisure Services provides maintenance for the centers and sports facilities. Also under this division is the operation of Fenner Nature Center, the historic Turner-Dodge House, and the Potter Park Zoo.

Administration and planning for park land acquisition, disposal, and development is the responsibility of the Director who is aided by the **Park Design and Research** staff. The design office is responsible for administration of all capital development, grant writing, facility master planning, and expenditure of development funds.

Departmental Staffing: Staffing for the Department is comprised of permanent full time employees, permanent part-time employees, seasonal laborers, and part-time contract employees. The number of employees and the division under which they are employed are given on page 197. This staffing level is at a reduction of several full-time staff members due to budget cuts in 1988. No current changes in staffing numbers are expected, however landscape horticulturists/gardener positions should be investigated for Frances and Cooley Gardens. The Department is aided yearly by literally hundreds of volunteers.

Volunteers: Currently the Department staff is supplemented by volunteer help in all areas of recreational planning and programming. Below are a few examples of the contributions volunteer make to the Department.

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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFFING

TYPE AND NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES BY DIVISION

	Executive & Design	Office & Business Ad.	Field Services	Leisure Services	TOTAL
Full-Time	4	17.6	59	48.4	129
Half-Time	0	0	0	3	3
Seasonal Laborers	0	0	66	2	68
Part-Time Contract	0	0	25	450+	475+

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Providing special program opportunities free of charge.

Coaches for the various sports programs.

Historical interpreters provide tours of the Turner Dodge House.

Supervision and assistance help at the Community Centers and in various programs.

Assistance with children and adults in handicapper programs.

Readers at the Senior Center for hearing and visually impaired.

Student Interns in various recreational areas.

Maintenance volunteer help maintain park facilities.

Special Events involve volunteers as judges, performers, medical help, schedulers, and workers.

Potter Park Zoo receives volunteer veterinary care from Michigan State University, interns and volunteers in the zoo education programs, and assist at special events.

Department Financing: Funding for the Department is through several means with the primary source through the City's general fund. The Departmental budget for fiscal year July 1,1989 through June 30, 1990 is given in the tables beginning on page 199. At the time of the preparation of this plan no expected increases or decreases are expected in the General Fund appropriation.

In addition, the Department receives funding from various State of Michigan grant funds, State of Michigan Equity Funds, program revenues, golf fees, minor

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trust funds, land sales, and donations. These amounts vary from year to year.

Lansing School District Relationship: Departmental property abuts many of the Lansing Schools leading to a School/Park relationship which are depicted on the plan on page 137. The Schools also use many of the park facilities of school athletic functions. The Department's athletic and summer programming often use school facilities as well. At this time each organization is responsible for the administration and maintenance of their own facilities as no formal integrated structure currently exists. Currently the relationship between the City and the Lansing School District is being strengthened in hopes of improving integration between the School District's numerous facilities and the Department's programming abilities. Close integration and cooperation can prevent the duplication of facilities and programming as well as allow both organizations to better serve the Lansing residents.

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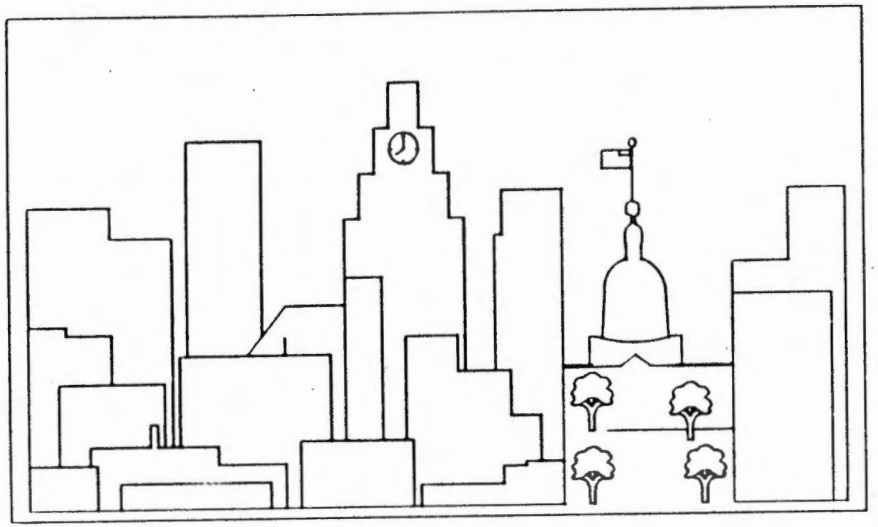

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JANET L. LAZAR
Budget Director/
Deputy Director of Finance

Business & Management Division

Administration			
101-750-000-702	SALARIES & LONGEVITY	$127,169	
101-750-000-708	OVERTIME - SALARY	1,205	
101-750-000-712	LONGEVITY - HOURLY	43,688	
101-750-000-713	VACATION, SICK LEAVE, PERSONAL LEAVE	262,463	
101-750-000-714	PAID TIME OFF - SEASONALS	13,820	
101-750-000-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	1,750	
	SUB-TOTAL	$450,095	
Office & Business Management			
101-751-000-702	SALARIES & LONGEVITY	$407,768	
101-751-000-706	WAGES - HOURLY	234,249	
101-751-000-708	OVERTIME - SALARY	3,343	
101-751-000-709	OVERTIME - HOURLY	3,252	
101-751-000-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	8,300	
101-751-000-801	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	44,700	
101-751-000-977	EQUIPMENT	4,010	
101-751-200-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	5,050	
101-751-200-883	SPECIAL EVENTS	22,600	
101-751-200-920	UTILITIES	20,300	
101-751-300-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	15,250	
101-751-300-751	FUEL	1,350	
101-751-300-930	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	1,800	
101-751-300-933	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	90,950	
101-751-300-990	EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE	5,300	
	SUB-TOTAL	$868,222	
	DIVISION TOTAL		$1,318,317

Field Services Division

Administration			
101-760-000-702	SALARIES & LONGEVITY	$65,707	
101-760-000-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	350	
101-760-000-799	CONSTRUCTION	25,700	
101-760-000-801	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	219,200	
101-760-000-920	UTILITIES	67,150	
101-760-000-930	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	49,750	
101-760-000-932	SHARED MAINTENANCE COSTS	14,000	
101-760-000-963	TAXES & ASSESSMENTS	6,000	
101-760-000-977	EQUIPMENT	484,015	
	SUB-TOTAL	$932,372	
Forestry			
101-761-000-702	SALARIES & LONGEVITY	$171,660	
101-761-000-706	WAGES - HOURLY	274,548	
101-761-000-707	WAGES - TEMPORARY HELP	31,017	
101-761-000-708	OVERTIME - SALARY	1,473	
101-761-000-709	OVERTIME - HOURLY	2,302	
101-761-000-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	23,250	
101-761-000-751	FUEL	15,650	
101-761-000-756	TREE REPLACEMENT	37,000	
101-761-000-943	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	13,600	
	SUB-TOTAL	$570,500	

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Grounds & Landscape Maintenance			
101-762-000-702	SALARIES & LONGEVITY	$179,516	
101-762-000-706	WAGES - HOURLY	422,248	
101-762-000-707	WAGES - TEMPORARY HELP	291,950	
101-762-000-708	OVERTIME - SALARY	2,595	
101-762-000-709	OVERTIME - HOURLY	15,724	
101-762-000-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	92,400	
101-762-000-751	FUEL	30,550	
101-762-000-943	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	4,000	
	SUB-TOTAL	$1,038,983	
Washington Ice Rink			
101-763-000-702	SALARIES & LONGEVITY	$41,439	
101-763-000-706	WAGES - HOURLY	26,454	
101-763-000-707	WAGES - TEMPORARY HELP	9,888	
101-763-000-708	OVERTIME - SALARY	806	
101-763-000-709	OVERTIME - HOURLY	2,251	
101-763-000-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	6,250	
101-763-000-754	CONCESSION SUPPLIES	5,000	
101-763-000-920	UTILITIES	20,900	
	SUB-TOTAL	$112,988	
	DIVISION TOTAL		$2,654,843

Leisure & Special Recreation Division

Administration			
101-770-000-702	SALARIES & LONGEVITY	$55,569	
101-770-000-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	40,550	
101-770-000-799	CONSTRUCTION	11,800	
101-770-000-920	UTILITIES	172,700	
101-770-000-930	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	26,700	
101-770-000-977	EQUIPMENT	104,645	
101-770-000-990	EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE	500	
	SUB-TOTAL	$412,464	
Community Centers			
101-771-000-702	SALARIES & LONGEVITY	$369,048	
101-771-000-707	WAGES - TEMPORARY HELP	106,215	
101-771-000-708	OVERTIME - SALARY	6,964	
101-771-000-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	13,700	
	SUB-TOTAL	$495,927	
Lifetime Sports			
101-772-000-702	SALARIES & LONGEVITY	$64,650	
101-772-000-707	WAGES - TEMPORARY HELP	183,888	
101-772-000-708	OVERTIME - SALARY	4,872	
101-772-000-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	50,850	
	SUB-TOTAL	$304,260	
Special Recreation Services			
101-773-000-702	SALARIES & LONGEVITY	$159,161	
101-773-000-707	WAGES - TEMPORARY HELP	117,597	
101-773-000-708	OVERTIME - SALARY	7,151	
101-773-000-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	31,800	
101-773-000-882	SPECIAL PROGRAMS	4,500	
	SUB-TOTAL	$320,209	

Facilities & Maintenance			
101-774-000-702	SALARIES & LONGEVITY	$33,671	
101-774-000-706	WAGES - HOURLY	205,602	
101-774-000-707	WAGES - TEMPORARY HELP	75,913	
101-774-000-708	OVERTIME - SALARY	1,029	
101-774-000-709	OVERTIME - HOURLY	19,173	
101-774-000-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	40,450	
101-774-000-751	FUEL	4,600	
	SUB-TOTAL	$380,438	
Potter Park Zoo			
101-775-000-702	SALARIES & LONGEVITY	$86,442	
101-775-000-706	WAGES - HOURLY	317,014	
101-775-000-707	WAGES - TEMPORARY HELP	48,441	
101-775-000-708	OVERTIME - SALARY	453	
101-775-000-709	OVERTIME - HOURLY	20,169	
101-775-000-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	22,850	
101-775-000-742	ANIMAL FEED	31,950	
101-775-000-751	FUEL	2,300	
101-775-000-801	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	10,000	
101-775-000-920	UTILITIES	77,250	
101-775-000-930	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	9,800	
101-775-000-977	EQUIPMENT	3,571	
	SUB-TOTAL	$630,240	
	DIVISION TOTAL		$2,543,538
	GRAND TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT		$6,515,698

PARK TRUST FUND BUDGET

for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1990

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ESTIMATED REVENUES

712-000-000-672.01	Benjamin F. Davis Trust Interest	$5,272
712-000-000-672.03	Riverwalk Project Trust - Dividend Income & Interest	127
712-000-000-672.04	Beck Trust Interest	184
712-000-000-672.05	Frances Park Interest	3,746
712-000-000-672.06	Moores Park Interest	1,895
712-000-000-672.07	Ranney Park Interest	9,113
712-000-000-672.08	Playground Equipment - Interest	605
712-000-000-672.09	Stroud Trust Interest	101
712-000-000-672.10	Davis Mansion Trust Interest	22
712-000-000-672.12	Cooley Estate Trust	353
712-000-000-672.14	M. Benz Trust Interest	446
712-000-000-672.15	Riverfront Park Statue Interest	707
712-000-000-672.16	Parcel C. Trust Interest	1,529
712-000-000-675	Ranney Park Rent	11,700
712-000-000-675.01	Parcel C. Trust Rent	7,800
712-000-000-675.02	Reutter Park Trust	1,739
	TOTAL PARK TRUST FUND	$47,339

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MUNICIPAL GOLF FUND BUDGET

for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1990

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ESTIMATED REVENUES

Operating Revenues	$814,750	
TOTAL		$814,750

APPROPRIATIONS

ADMINISTRATION

584-536-000-702	SALARIES & LONGEVITY	$92,236	
584-536-000-708	OVERTIME -SALARY	5,141	
584-536-000-712	LONGEVITY	2,512	
584-536-000-713	VACATION, PERSONAL & SICK LEAVE	10,394	
584-536-000-714	PAID TIME OFF - SEASONALS	2,724	
584-536-000-715	FRINGE BENEFITS	111,994	
584-536-000-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	19,700	
584-536-000-802	ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES	31,143	
584-536-000-864	CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	2,350	
584-536-000-933	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	19,150	
584-536-000-977	EQUIPMENT	74,700	
	TOTAL ADMINISTRAITON		$372,044

GROESBECK GOLF COURSE

584-721-100-706	WAGES - HOURLY	$23,640	
584-721-100-707	WAGES - TEMPORARY HELP	71,278	
584-721-100-709	OVERTIME - HOURLY	5,300	
584-721-100-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	19,100	
584-721-100-751	FUEL	4,800	
584-721-100-754	CONCESSION SUPPLIES	28,100	
584-721-100-799	CONSTRUCTION	6,500	
584-721-100-920	UTILITIES	12,400	
584-721-100-930	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	14,000	
584-721-100-931	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	1,650	
584-721-100-940	CART RENTAL	20,150	
	TOTAL GROESBECK GOLF COURSE		$206,918

RED CEDAR GOLF COURSE

584-721-200-706	WAGES - HOURLY	$11,733	
584-721-200-707	WAGES - TEMPORARY HELP	38,051	
584-721-200-709	OVERTIME - HOURLY	2,475	
584-721-200-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	8,400	
584-721-200-751	FUEL	1,650	
584-721-200-754	CONCESSION SUPPLIES	10,600	
584-721-200-799	CONSTRUCTION	850	
584-721-200-920	UTILITIES	4,400	
584-721-200-931	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	900	
	TOTAL RED CEDAR GOLF COURSE		$79,059

SYCAMORE GOLF COURSE

584-721-300-706	WAGES - HOURLY	$11,733	
584-721-300-707	WAGES - TEMPORARY HELP	28,510	
584-721-300-709	OVERTIME - HOURLY	1,084	
584-721-300-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	6,750	
584-721-300-751	FUEL	800	
584-721-300-754	CONCESSION SUPPLIES	7,950	
584-721-300-920	UTILITIES	6,650	
	TOTAL SYCAMORE GOLF COURSE		$63,477

WAVERLY GOLF COURSE

584-721-400-706	WAGES - HOURLY	$11,732	
584-721-400-707	WAGES - TEMPORARY HELP	40,285	
584-721-400-709	OVERTIME - HOURLY	4,135	
584-721-400-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	9,300	
584-721-400-751	FUEL	1,950	
584-721-400-754	CONCESSION SUPPLIES	13,650	
584-721-400-920	UTILITIES	3,350	
584-721-400-931	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	200	
584-721-400-940	CART RENTAL	8,650	
	TOTAL WAVERLY GOLF COURSE		$93,252
	GRAND TOTAL MUNICIPAL GOLF FUND		$814,750

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MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES FUND BUDGET

for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1990

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ESTIMATED REVENUES

Operating Revenues	$153,397	
Interest from Perpetual Care Fund	100,000	
General Fund Subsidy	443,950	
TOTAL		$697,347

APPROPRIATIONS

ADMINISTRATION

516-536-000-702	SALARIES & LONGEVITY	$60,248	
516-536-000-708	OVERTIME - SALARY	1,802	
516-536-000-712	LONGEVITY	2,800	
516-536-000-713	VACATION, SICK LEAVE, & PERSONAL LEAVE	18,990	
516-536-000-714	PAID TIME OFF - SEASONALS	2,723	
516-536-000-715	FRINGE BENEFITS	114,565	
516-536-000-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	9,900	
516-536-000-802	ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES	199,841	
516-536-000-864	CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS	100	
516-536-000-977	EQUIPMENT	9,000	
	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION		$419,969

PAID SERVICES - BURIAL & SPECIAL CARE

516-537-000-706	WAGES - HOURLY	$38,600	
516-537-000-709	OVERTIME - HOURLY	8,322	
516-537-000-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	7,600	
516-537-000-751	GASOLINE	2,550	
	TOTAL PAID SERVICES		$57,072

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

516-538-000-706	WAGES - HOURLY	$68,845	
516-538-000-707	WAGES-TEMPORARY HELP	91,443	
516-538-000-709	OVERTIME-HOURLY	9,618	
516-538-000-741	MISCELLANEOUS & OPERATING EXPENSES	10,500	
516-538-000-751	GASOLINE	5,900	
516-538-000-920	UTILITIES	9,000	
516-538-000-930	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	9,500	
516-538-000-933	EQUIPMENT MAINTANENCE	15,500	
	TOTAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE		$220,306
	GRAND TOTAL MUNICIPAL CEMETERY FUND		$697,347

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Cemetery Fund Contribution

101-276-000-969	CEMETERY FUND CONTRIBUTION	$443,950
	TOTAL	$443,950

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RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, on May 7, 1991 the City Council adopted the Five Year Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Plan contained the Capital Improvement Schedule of proposed projects for 1990-1994; and

WHEREAS, projects must be on the Capital Improvement Schedule to be awarded Grants funds from the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, projects that utilize Park Millage funding must be on the Capital Improvement Schedule; and

WHEREAS, it is desireable to complete the following projects utilizing State Grants and/or Park Millage funds:

- River Trail			
1. Washington to Elm	1992-93	$ 500	MNRTF/City
2. Elm to Moores Park	1993-94	$1500	MNRTF/City
3. Moores Park thru Riverside Park	1994-95	$ 500	MNRTF/City
- Davis Park			
1. Horseshoe Courts	1992-93	$ 38	Trust/City
- Gier			
1. Concession Plaza	1991-92	$ 35	City
- City Market			
1. Renovation (Phase III)	1990-91	$ 265	City
- Tree Planting			
1. Parks	1993-94	$ 300	MNRTF/City
- Softball Field Lighting			
1. Re-light Ranney and Sycamore	1991-92	$ 100	MNRTF/City
2. Light Davis #3, Elm and Westside North	1992-93	$ 150	MNRTF/City
- Oak Park			
1. Acquistion	1990-91	$ 100	MNRTF/City

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Lansing City Council approves amending the Five Year Recreation Plan Project list to include the above projects and adopts the Recreation Plan as amended.

By Councilmember Benavides

Carried unanimously

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FACILITY	YEAR	ESTIMATE & SOURCE (IN THOUSANDS OF $)
WASHINGTON PARK		
1. Expand warming area and construct large picnic pavilion	1992-93	$210 MNRTF/City
2. Cover existing ice rink	1994-95	$320 City
COMMUNITY CENTERS		
1. Air condition gyms at Foster, Gier, and Kingsley Centers.	1990-91	$140 City
2. Southend Community Center Feasiblity Study	1989-91	$44.6 City
3. Southend Community Center.	1993-94	$ City/Bond/Sr. Center
TENNIS COURT REPLACEMENT/REPAIR		
1. Replace (3) courts at St. Joseph and Ranney, Replace (2) courts at Riverfront and Clifford.	1992-93	$200 DNR Bond/City
2. Repair fencing at Elmhurst, Dunnebacke, Lyons, and Quentin.	1993-94	$16 MNRTF/City
DAVIS PARK		
1. Light & fence Diamond #3.	1990-91	$65 Softball/Davis Trust
2. Horseshoe courts (18)	1991-92	$35 City
3. Score boards at three diamonds, walk to Diamond #3, improve bleacher facilities.	1994-95	$81 City
RIVER TRAIL		
1. Burchard to E. Grand River Ave.	1989-90	$360 MNRTF/City
2. Under N. Grand River to Dietrich Park	1989-90	$140 MNRTF/City
3. E. Grand River to Turner-Dodge House	1990-91	$422 MNRTF/City
4. Clippert to Kalamazoo	1991-92	$125 MNRTF/City
5. Elm St to Washington (including Riverpoint)	1991-92	$375 MNRTF/City
6. Washington to Elm	1992-93	$500 MNRTF/City
7. Elm to Moores Park	1993-94	$1500 MNRTF/City
8. Moores thru Riverside Park	1994-95	$500 MNRTF/City/MDOT

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FACILITY	YEAR	ESTIMATE & SOURCE (IN THOUSANDS OF $)
TREE PLANTING/PARK BEAUTIFICATION	1992-93	$300 LWCF/City
REUTTER PARK Renovation of walks, fountain, landscaping, irrigation, new entrances, and site furnishings.	1992-93	$200 City
WAVERLY GOLF COURSE Redevelopment and expansion of course to 18 holes.	1991-92	$2,000 G.O. Bonds
SOFTBALL COMPLEX Construction of four diamond lighted complex.	1995-96	$ City
SCOTT HOUSE RENOVATION Renovation of historic building and grounds.	1993-94	$300 City
FRANCES PARK		
1. Storage Garage	1990-91	$50 City
2. Pavilion and overlook restoration and pave parking lot.	1994-95	$245 City
CEMETERIES		
1. Restore ornamental fence at Mt. Hope.	1993-94	$180 City
2. Replace waterline system in Mt. Hope.	1992-93	$80 City
3. Renovate pond in Evergreen.	1992-93	$85 City
PLAY EQUIPMENT Replacement in multiple neighborhood parks.	1990-91 1991-92	$120 City $120 City
DURANT PARK Master Plan, irrigation site furniture, fountain, and plantings.	1994-95	$190 City

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FACILITY	YEAR	ESTIMATE & SOURCE (IN THOUSANDS OF $)
PAVEMENT REPAIRS Repair of asphalt and concrete pavements at various sites.	1992-93	$250 City
LIGHT WESTSIDE PARK BALL DIAMONDS	1992-93	$160 City
MUNICIPAL BALL FIELD Restroom and Concession Building and pave parking lot.	1994-95	$190 City
RIVERFRONT BAND SHELL	1993-94	$175 City
RANNEY PARK Construction of Ball Diamond No. 2.	1993-94	$90 Trust
GIER PARK Concession Plaza development.	1991-92	$35 City
CITY MARKET Renovations (Phase III)	1991-92	$265 City
SOFTBALL FIELD LIGHTS Light Elm Park Relight Ranney & Sycamore	 1992-93 1993-94	 $50 MNRTF/City $100 DNR Bond/City
OAK PARK Acquisition	1991-92	$100 MNRTF/City

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TENNIS COURT REPLACEMENT REPAIRS

The tennis facilities within the Parks and Recreation properties provide Lansing's 130,000 residents an opportunity to enjoy tennis in an outdoor setting fee of charge. This makes the courts and sport accessible to all persons regardless of age, sex, or income. The department also sponsors a tennis league which had 162 participants for the 1989 season. The league currently plays on the City's courts throughout the City. The 786 matches were played at St. Joseph and Kingsley.

Three courts at Ranney, two courts at Riverfront, two courts at Clifford Park and three courts at St. Joseph Park are in need of replacement. These courts currently contain large asphalt cracks which are unrepairable and leave the courts unplayable due to player safety and unpredictable ball bounces. The courts at St. Joseph are used by Sexton High School Athletic Programs in conjunction with the other three courts on the site.

Fencing of tennis courts at Elmhurst, St. Joseph, Clifford, Quentin, Ranney, Dunneback, and Lyons Avenue Parks are in need of repair. The fence is old and rusty at these sites, but more importantly the sharp salvage edge is curling into the court exposing the players to an unsafe condition.

DAVIS PARK

Davis Park located in the southern region of the City serves as both a neighborhood park and the area wide softball community. On the three diamonds, 536 games were played on Diamond #1, 529 on Diamond #2, and 70 on Diamond #3.

Support facilities include restroom facilities and paved parking lot.

The lighting of existing Diamond #3 will allow for an additional 200 youth games or an additional 500 adult games to be played each season as well as reduce departmental maintenance costs achieved by expansion of field use versus the development of an additiional field.

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Due to the increasing demand being placed on Davis Park for softball use, there is also a demand for larger bleacher facilities to support the spectators during games and tournaments. The bleacher improvements will include expanded seating and concrete pads for both the new and exiting bleachers.

Currently the Lansing Horseshoe Club uses the Moores Park horseshoe facilities for their club practices and tournaments. By moving the facilities to Davis Park the club will be better serviced by increased parking and restroom facilities which amongst other things will allow them to host regional tournaments and special demonstration events.

Additionally, in addition to the improvements discussed above, a long range Master Plan for Davis Park should be completed outlining possible future recreational opportunities and facilities such as a softball field complex with four or more diamonds.

RIVER TRAIL

The City currently has a policy to acquire and develop land along its rivers for public use. This was stated in the 1921, 1938, and 1966 City Master Plans and the 1974 plan for Waterfront Development. Specifically, the goal is to acquire land for parks along the Grand and Red Cedar Rivers and link them with the River Trail System. The River Trail consists of a paved path along the river bank and boardwalk under bridges at streets to provide for a safe and enjoyable separation of motorized vehicles and trail users. Currently, the River Trail runs from Aurelius Road on the Red Cedar River north to Dietrich Park on the Grand River. Three major areas within the Trail are still required and are (1) a lack of property at Spring Street, (2) a lack of property from the Brenke Fish Ladder to the Turner-Dodge House, and (3) a link under the North Grand River Avenue bridge at Dietrich Park. All of these are temporarily connected by the City streets. Additionally, phased development is planned to extend the trail along the Red Cedar River to MSU, along the Grand River (North) to Grand Woods Park in Delta Township, along the Grand River (West) to Fulton

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Park, and along Sycamore Creek to the southern city limit. The development will include trail-way signage, landscaping, furniture, overlooks, fishing sites, docks and boat launches.

The Phase from Elm St. to Washington will pass through Riverpoint Park. Which is heavily used for fishing. The park will be developed along with the Trail to provide parking, paved access, dock, gazebo benches, picnic tables, landscaping and play equipment. The facilities will serve the area residents and outside users alike.

The completed project will include approximately 19 miles of trail linking the major features along the rivers, and providing access to the River Trail System from most major residential neighborhoods.

TREE PLANTING/PARK BEAUTIFICATION

Many of the Department's park lands were developed prior to the 1960's. At the time of development these sites were often planted or were already covered with an overhead canopy of trees. Due to the ages of many of these facilities, the canopy trees are in decline and are currently being removed or are expected to be removed within the next several years. Currently, over 200 trees within the parks are being removed annually with

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decades. A second lighted softball diamond will be constructed on the site to complement the existing ball field, restrooms, and parking lot thereby providing for additional programming of the site including additional league play.

GIER PARK

The Concession Plaza and Ball Diamond spectator area serves hundreds of people daily. The existing improvements are not adequate to handle the users. The Concession needs retaining walls, a paved ramp to the fields, paved patio, tables and landscaping. The spectator area which seems to be dusty or muddy would benefit greatly from paving and a new walk to the parking lot.

CITY MARKET

The City Market is a typical early 20th century shopping experience. The vendors display their colorful produce while educating the shoppers on selecting and preparing quality vegetables. This unique experience is threatened by changing health codes. Many vendors are selling fresh meat, baked goods and nuts that are not packaged. Modifications to the Market are required to continue to allow the sale of those products.

SOFTBALL FIELD LIGHTING

Lansing's Softball Program continues to grow reaching 348 teams and 3500 games last year. That demand has forced us to play some of those games on neighborhood diamonds. It is our desire to free up those fields by playing more games at City wide park facilities. This can be accomplished by lighting existing fields. Four games can be played nightly at a lit facility while at unlit diamond can only handle two. This approach saves the cost of constructing new diamonds, it reduces the numbers of fields "fit" each day which reduces staff time and transportation costs. Elm Park is proposed to be lit to increase the games at that site. (Along with Davis and Westside that are on pages 117 and 125).

Ranney and Sycamore are currently lit but the light levels do not meet current standards and the fixtures are inefficient. Relighting the fields would produce proper light levels at both fields and reduce the energy consumption 20% at Ranney and 30% at Sycamore.

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OAK PARK

The Oak Park Maintenance Facility has served the Department well for 55 years. The facility has grown with the system until it filled all available space. The two logical choice would be to acquire land at that location for growth or move to a larger site. It is our preference to stay at the Oak Park site and expand there preserving the large investment. The only vacant land adjacent to the site is 11 acres at the southwest corner. It is in a perfect location to improve circulation and allow for building growth in a good relationship to the existing structures.

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